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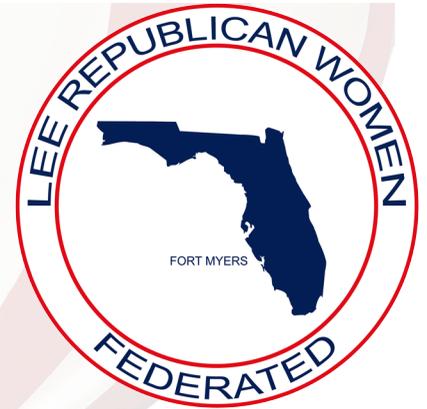
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# THE MAHOUT The Keeper and Driver of the Elephant February 2017

Strong Women for a  
Strong America

WE PRESENT TO YOU...

**PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP AND  
FIRST LADY MELANIA TRUMP!**



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"To anger a conservative, lie to him. To anger a liberal, tell him the truth."*

*Theodore Roosevelt*

## LRWF MONTHLY MEETING

Meet with us on Monday, February 13th at the beautiful Pincher's Restaurant, The Marina at Edison Ford, 2360 W. 1st St., Fort Myers. At this meeting Kathleen Rooney will tell what it is like to be a candidate's spouse.

There are three menu choices:

1. Chicken Alfredo with pasta, house salad and rolls
  2. Grilled Shrimp with wild rice, peas and carrots, house salad and rolls
  3. Plain Caesar Salad with topping on the side
- Dessert: Mini Crème Brulé

Please remember the deadline for reservations is Thursday, February 9th, at NOON.

- \$25 Inclusive
- 5:15 PM Social Time /Dinner and Program following
- Reservation Deadline 2/9/17 by noon

For reservations: Call Wren Morefield  
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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  
Reservation Desk.**



*Kathleen Rooney  
Georgetown University Board of Regents  
Trustee Emeritus, Naples Children &  
Educational Foundation and  
Wife of Congressman Francis Rooney*

## KATHLEEN ROONEY

Kathleen and Francis Rooney met while studying at Georgetown University. Kathleen C. Rooney holds a BSFS International Politics '77 from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. Kathleen worked as a fundraiser for republican candidates in Houston and Tulsa and also served as an office manager in the Tulsa County Republican Headquarters from 1979-1982.

Kathleen served on the Arts and Humanities Council, The Thomas Gilcrease Museum and Philbrook Museum boards and chaired fundraising events for these and other organizations in Tulsa.

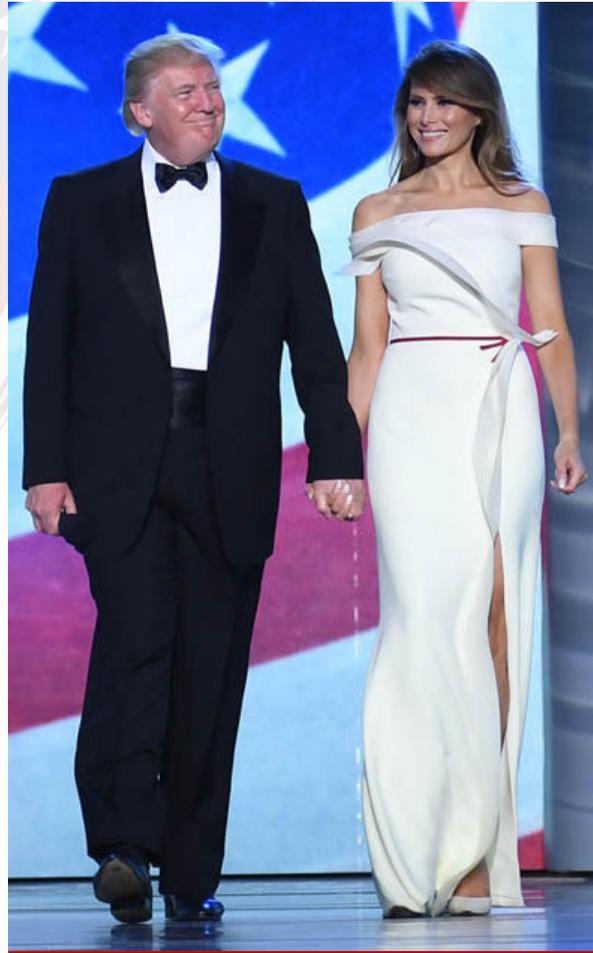
Today she is a member of the Georgetown University Board of Regents, a board member of the Naples Botanical Garden, Trustee Emeritus of the Naples Children and Education Foundation and board member and President of the Port Royal Club.

Kathleen authored and published 101 Reasons Why I Watch the Weather Channel, co-wrote and served as executive producer of the feature film Light from the Darkroom which was awarded the 2015 Golden Drover Award.

Kathleen and Francis Rooney have three children, Larry, married to Porscha, Michael and Kathleen Daly Rooney. They also have two grandchildren.

## NEWSLETTER OF LEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED

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



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



*Doris Cortese*  
LRWF President

Welcome February and welcome President Trump! Such exciting times are ahead with a Republican House and Senate to promote Republican policies and values.

Remember to stay in touch with our elected officials and ask them to stand firm. It took grassroots to help them become elected, so we need to hold them accountable. President Trump, Vice President Pence and their cabinet will accomplish great things if they receive the support they require.

Valentine's Day is around the corner. I would like to send you each a special Valentine Wish; May your year be happy, healthy and filled with love from family and friends. I am filled with gratitude for all of the wonderful friends I have made, and experiences I have had, in the last two years as your president.

May God bless you, President Trump, and the United States of America,

Sincerely,

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



## FROM FFRW DISTRICT 75 REPRESENTATIVE CARMEN SALOMÉ

FFRW District Representatives met by a video conference call and learned the following: Spring Conference will be held in Tallahassee April 9-11. We will be selecting the nominating committee for board elections as well as delegates to attend the NFRW Conference at this meeting. I encourage at least one member from each club to attend if possible. The FFRW Fall Conference will held in Cocoa Beach, October 27-29. SAVE THIS DATE. More info to follow.

Many of you may remember my good friend KCarl Smith, Frederick Douglas Republican Engagement Strategist, who spoke to the Lee and Collier clubs in September 2013. He has developed a free mini course on engagement. It is available online at <http://diversityengagement.org/mini-course-video-1/>. Watch and then share with your circles.

February is Black History Month. I hope you will visit the Lee County Black History Society museum. It is filled with memories of early Fort Myers, Lee County, and SWF.

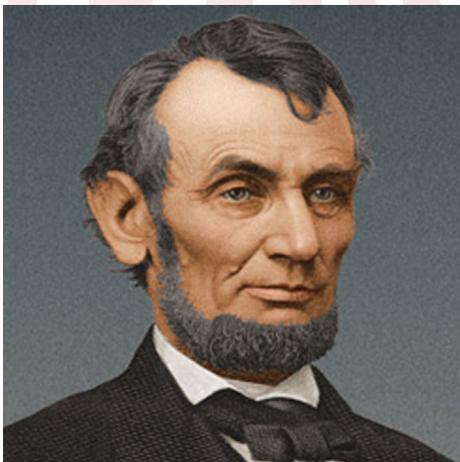
It is my honor to continue to represent you as your FFRW District Representative.

Sincerely,  
Carmen Salomé  
FFRW District 75 Representative



*Carmen Salomé*  
FFRW District 75 Representative

*Happy Valentine's Day and Black History Month!*



## LINCOLN REAGAN DINNER

The tickets are \$175. This is on a first come first serve basis, so please send your check to Mindy Moran as soon as you can. John Bolton will be the guest speaker. Join us!

**Friday, February 10**  
**Hyatt Regency Coconut Point**  
**Speaker: Ambassador John Bolton**





## LADIES...EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Ladies, we are pleased to announce that the new book chat format was a success. We have agreed to meet the first Wednesday of the month at Mel's Diner on Cleveland Avenue, South Ft. Myers. We will meet from 1:00-3:00 PM. So...mark your calendars.

Our last meeting was Wednesday, February 1st at 1 p.m. at Mel's Diner. We discussed the book, "The Field of Flight" by Lieutenant General Michael Flynn. Flynn, a lifelong Democrat, is a former head of the Defense Intelligence Agency and one of the highest ranking national security officials supporting Donald Trump. He has been given the position of National Security Advisor to President Trump.

The book was blunt and urgent. It aimed to inform the American people of the grave danger we face in the war on terror, and we will continue to act until our government takes decisive action against the terrorists that want nothing more than to destroy us and our way of life.

Our schedule for March thru June is as follows:

- March 1st - preview the movie "Jackie"
- April 5th - book "Heart Mender"
- May 3rd- book "Defeating Jihad" by Sebastian Gorka
- June 7th - preview the movie "Colonia" - Netflix

We will have more information on the above as we get closer to the dates. Come join us. See you at the Book Chat. If there are any questions, please call or email Cheryl Harris.

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## IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH LRWF PRESENTS

### 21 INFLUENTIAL BLACK REPUBLICANS TO BE HONORED

- Clarence Thomas: Supreme Court Justice.
- Ben Carson: World Famous Neurosurgeon, 2016 Presidential Candidate and Candidate for Secretary of Housing & Urban Development.
- Herman Cain: Former CEO of Godfather's Pizza, former talk radio host, and a candidate running for the presidency of the United States.
- Thomas Sowell: He's a Senior Fellow on Public Policy at the Hoover Institution who's one of the most popular conservative columnists in America.
- Tim Scott: Scott is the first black Republican congressman elected in South Carolina for 114 years.
- Walter Williams: The professor at George Mason University is a popular columnist and a fill-in radio host on the Rush Limbaugh program.
- Condi Rice: She's the head of the Global Center for Business and the Economy at Stanford, a former foreign policy advisor to George W. Bush, and the first black woman to ever be Secretary of State.
- Michael Steele: He was the first black Republican National Committee Chairman. He's now a columnist and TV commentator.
- Allen West: The first black Republican congressman from Florida since 1876. Keynote speaker for CPAC in 2011.
- Jesse Lee Peterson: The founder of BOND, television personality, and radio host.
- Larry Elder: The sage from South Central is a popular columnist and syndicated talk radio host.
- Colin Powell: He's a former general and the first black Secretary of State. Although he still has considerable name recognition and influence with the general public, he has considerably less sway than he used to in the Republican Party since he endorsed Barack Obama in 2008.
- Star Parker: She's an increasingly popular syndicated columnist who ran for Congress in California in 2010 and lost.
- Ken Blackwell: He ran and lost for Governor of Ohio, was a candidate for the RNC National Committee Chairman; he's a senior fellow for family empowerment at the Family Research Council and a columnist.
- Robert George: He's an editorial writer for the New York Post.
- Mychal S. Massie: The National Chairman of the conservative black think tank, Project 21.
- Ward Connerly: The founder of the American Civil Rights Institute and an activist dedicated to fighting racial quotas.
- Shelby Steele: The columnist and documentary film maker.
- Angela McGlowan: She's an author, political commentator, and she ran and lost in a congressional primary in 2010.
- J.C. Watts: The former college football quarterback was a prominent Republican congressman, but lost considerable influence with conservatives when he publicly noted he was considering backing Obama in 2008.
- Deroy Murdock: He's a syndicated columnist, political talking head, and contributing editor with National Review Online.

*For a more exhaustive list of famous African American Republicans, Click Below.*

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_African-American\\_Republicans](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_African-American_Republicans)

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**ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS!!!!**

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Melania Trump  
2017

Wife of President Donald J. Trump

## AMERICANISM Republican First Ladies

By Pat Baldwin

SPECIAL EDITION...FIRST LADIES'  
INAUGURAL GOWNS

The beautiful Melania Trump, 46, the newest FLOTUS, did not disappoint when she took center stage for the first dance with her husband. Herve Pierre was the designer. He has worked with numerous American houses but this was the first to feature his own label. The white off-the-shoulder gown was very minimalistic accented by a thin red ribbon at the waist and accessorized with earrings. A curled piece of material ran diagonally from her right shoulder. Mrs. Trump contributed to its design.

Equally stunning at the ball was Ivanka Trump in a champagne ball gown by Carolina Herrera. Earlier, Mrs. Trump wore a pale blue cashmere dress suit accessorized by suede gloves and clutch in the same hue. Ralph Lauren was the designer.

Much had been written about who wouldn't dress the First Lady even though many of them hadn't been asked. Those who are positive about any requests from Melania are Diane Von Furstenberg, Dolce and Gabbana, Oscar de la Renta, Thom Browne, Tommy Hilfger, Carolina Herrera, and Marcus Wainwright. Don't think the House of Dior will refuse her either considering it made her \$200,000 wedding dress.

On an historic note, dress making for the White House elite have been a politically prickly thing going back to the Civil War. Mary Todd Lincoln, Mrs. Robert E. Lee, and Mrs. Jefferson Davis were dressed by a freed slave, Elizabeth Keckley, in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Lee bought her gowns before the Civil War and Mrs. Lincoln continued as her client during and after the war. Keckley's gowns went for thousands of dollars. Mrs. Lincoln and Keckley met just before the ball so she was not the designer for Mrs. Lincoln's gown.

Julia Grant chose a silver and white brocade gown with a plunging neckline accented by a lace fichu.

Lucy Webb Hayes donned a fantastic creation of lace, bows, tufts, and bustle all in silk with a brocade train.

Lucretia Garfield's gown has, apparently, gone missing.

Frances Cleveland was not FLOTUS at her husband's inaugural. They wed after he had become President. Her silk and satin wedding gown is in the Smithsonian collection.

Caroline Harrison had her gown made in New York. An Indiana artist, Mary Williamson, designed the brocade. It included burr oaks which grew along the Tippacanoe Creek. This was done in tribute to her husband's grandfather and former POTUS, William Henry Harrison.

Ida Mc Kinley wore Venetian lace and ivory silk accented with gold trim.

Edith Roosevelt tore down her gown after the ball using the pieces for other dresses. Her daughter had saved the skirt but the bodice had to be reconstructed from photos taken at the time. The blue skirt had peacock feathers in the pattern while the bodice featured lace cap sleeves.

Helen Taft was the first to donate her 1909 gown to the Smithsonian. It was a silk chiffon embroidered with metal threads, rhinestones and beads.

Florence Harding chose a Harry Collins design. It was a pleated dress featuring a square neckline with three-quarter satin sleeves accented by pearlized sequins on the tulle. Two blue ribbons, highlighted by rhinestones, formed a train.

Grace Coolidge got into the swing of things with a dropped waist lace gown with a brown velvet bow at the hip.

Lou Henry Hoover followed Grace's lead opting for a multicolor drop waist dress with handkerchief skirt.

Mamie Eisenhower was a dazzler with her pink gown and matching shoes and gloves. Pink was her signature color. The dress was enhanced with 2,000 Rhinestones. Mamie picked the Jewish-American designer, Nettie Rosenstein, to make her dress. Nettie popularized the "little black dress", and "ready wear". For her second inaugural, she picked citron lace and taffeta adorned with pearls, crystals, and topaz.

Pat Nixon wore a high necked citron gown with gold and silver detailing topped with a bolero jacket heavily decorated with crystals. In 1973, she wore Adele Simpson's design in turquoise completely covered with crystals.

Betty Ford did not have an inaugural. She donated a long coat dress to represent her to the Smithsonian. It was designed by Frankie Welch. She wore the pale green sequin chiffon gown with chrysanthemum pattern to many state dinners.

Nancy Reagan's 1981 gown was by James Galanos. It was a one shouldered lace dress over silk and satin. In 1985, the same designer made a long sleeve white gown with slightly padded shoulders. The Art-Deco creation was heavily beaded. Supposedly, it took 300 hours to apply the beads and cost \$22,000.

Barbara Bush wore Arnold Scaasi to the 1989 ball. The royal blue gown featured a velvet bodice and a sarong like skirt in silk satin.

Laura Bush, supposedly, had to be persuaded to wear Michael Faircloth's gown. Mrs. Bush favored softer shades. This gown was red Chantilly lace over silk georgette. The lace was embroidered with crystals. Four years later, she picked Oscar de la Renta. He designed a blue gown accenting her eyes

Before January 20, there was speculation that Melania and Ivanka might have been working with Ivanka's brand using those designers to come up with an American concoction. And it was rumored that Kanye West had submitted sketches for consideration drawn during his recent hospitalization. As far as the gown and suit, Mrs. Trump's competition was the iconic Jackie Kennedy. Jackie was 32 at her ball. Today, she would be 87. Melania will make her mark on America fashion just like Jackie did with her pill box hats, pearls, and jodhpurs. Difficult to compete with a legend, even a Democrat, but Melania's grace, beauty and fashion savvy cannot be ignored by the liberal press no matter how much it protests.



I am an angry woman, but I am NOT a nasty woman. The portrayal of women by the rantings of Ashley Judd and Madonna this week was the biggest disgrace and the largest setback for women that I have seen in my lifetime. The vulgarity that the world witnessed was horrible.

Recently, I watched a documentary on Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood. As I watched it, I became aware of how far down the moral gutter we have gone. Not just women either. Our entire society. My grandfather once told me that sometimes, we become so accustomed to sin that it no longer appears to be sin. It becomes acceptable. It becomes the norm.

Margaret Sanger was one of eleven children. Her mother had eighteen pregnancies in 22 years with eleven live births. Margaret's mother also died at an early age, leaving Margaret to care for her younger siblings. Margaret's mother, Anne, was a good Irish Catholic woman, but her father, who was also Catholic, became an atheist. When her mother died, Margaret thought it was from having too many children, while in reality she died from tuberculosis. Margaret, without her mother's godly influence, cared for her younger siblings, became a nurse, a teacher and eventually became the founder of Planned Parenthood. She was a socialist and a lover of Hitler. This woman was held in very high esteem by Hillary Clinton. In fact, in 2009, Hillary won the prestigious Planned Parenthood's **Margaret Sanger Award**.

Margaret believed in eugenics. Eugenics is the creation of a superior race by eliminating any inferior human beings. There is a huge problem here. Who is to determine who is inferior? I know many people that I love dearly who are blind, black, brown, mentally challenged and not as educated as others. Those people to Margaret Sanger are rejects...people who are to be eliminated in order to create a superior race that is intelligent, beautiful and financially capable. (Sarcastically...like Ashley Judd.) Here are just a few quotes from this infamous woman, Margaret Sanger.

- She said that blacks, immigrants and indigents were "...human weeds,' 'reckless breeders,' 'spawning...human beings who never should have been born.' "
- She also said, "We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population, if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members..."
- She said that the purpose of birth control was "to create a race of thoroughbreds."
- Regarding abortion, she said "The most merciful thing that a large family does to one of its infant members is to kill it."
- On the rights of the handicapped, mentally ill and racial minorities, she claimed, "more children from the fit, less from the unfit...that is the chief aim of birth control."
- On the right of a married couple to bear children, she said "Couples should be required to submit applications to have a child."

Margaret Sanger was a racist, a eugenicist, a lover of Hitler and wanted all "feeble minded" to be forcibly sterilized and sent off to an island somewhere away from the general population. The pro-choice or pro-abortion Democrats claim to be pro-blacks. Baloney!!!! Planned Parenthood clinics are disproportionately placed in or near black neighborhoods! I seriously doubt that the majority of blacks who fight for Planned Parenthood have any idea what the motives really are. If Sanger would have had her way, there would not have been a Martin Luther King...and for that matter, there would not have been a Jew left on the earth, because like Hitler...she hated the Jews. She was Hillary Clinton's idol...and guess who else loved her...Nancy Pelosi!

As my grandfather said, we have become so accustomed to sin that it no longer appears to be sin. It has become acceptable. It has become the norm. Take a look people! Think about what perversion **we have allowed** to come into our lives. Today, less than 1% of all abortions are from rape or incest. Abortions have become a form of birth control for women...many of whom have chosen to have sex outside of the boundaries of marriage...an act that used to be labeled a sin and now has become the norm. Planned Parenthood does not provide prenatal care as they claim nor do they provide any other health related benefits to women...the are simply...abortionists with an agenda.

Instead of Planned Parenthood and its eugenic philosophy improving lives, we are creating people like Ashley Judd who doesn't know anything about being a lady of class! Below you will see the people who I believe are making us a great society full of love and compassion! These are people full of POTENTIAL AND LIFE! These are the people that Margaret Sanger and her followers would like to eradicate. We will become "great again" when we learn the value of these God given precious lives. We will become "great again" when we reject people like Margaret Sanger and Ashley Judd...and a few others! It's time to take Ashley Judd and others like her, off the pedestal and put these blessed children on! Priorities and values people...priorities and values!!



God bless the children...ALL of the children of the world! When did we become so sick as to lose sight of what is pure, holy and good!

## GOD AND TRUMP'S CABINET

- Pence has previously said, "My Christian faith is at the heart of who I am" and "I'm a Christian, a conservative and a Republican, in that order."
- Chief of Staff Reince Priebus, has previously tweeted "Christ's sacrificial work provides an example for us all, and we join with the Psalmist in saying 'You make known to me the path of life.'"
- Attorney General Jeff Sessions is a Sunday school teacher at his family's church.
- Housing and Urban Development's Dr. Ben Carson, believes that God spoke clearly to him that Trump would be president.
- Education's Betsy DeVos, is a Christian who says she is committed to bringing God's Kingdom' through schooling.
- Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, EPA's Scott Pruitt, CIA's Mike Pompeo (whose family attends Eastminster Presbyterian Church), and Ambassador to UN Nikki Haley are all professing Christians!

The number of believers in the upper echelons of the Trump administration is quite incredible. Share this to encourage others!

## THANK YOU PRESIDENT TRUMP FOR YOUR CONSERVATIVE SUPREME COURT NOMINATION!



On Tuesday, January 31st, our beloved President Trump nominated the most conservative, educated and respected person that he could have picked. Judge Neil Gorsuch has had a long standing conservative record. The liberal left is having a coronary because they know that no matter how much shouting they will be doing (and there will be a lot of shouting) that there is no way that Judge Gorsuch will not be nominated. He has tremendous credentials and is a staunch constitutionalist.

Judge Gorsuch was instrumental in winning the cases for Hobby Lobby and the Little Sisters of the Poor. These two decisions are a huge problem for the liberals because it states that organizations and/or corporations cannot be forced to go against their religious beliefs, and in this case, they did not have to go against their religious beliefs on abortion and birth control. Gorsuch defended their religious liberties much to the woe of liberals.

Gorsuch's view on the Constitution, like Scalia, is that it is to be interpreted as it was originally intended. This is contrary to the views of the liberals. Gorsuch is a self-proclaimed disciple of Scalia, the man whose place he hopefully will be taking

## A NEW MUSEUM IS HAPPENING AT THE REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS!!! (We're going to teach the children about Republicans and Conservatism!)

*Please help us fill up the museum with wonderful items!*

### TV WANTED FOR AUDIO-VISUAL ROOM!!

If you have an unwanted TV, consider donating it to the audio-visual room at the Republican headquarters office.  
Contact Chris Quackenbush at [rquack4131@aol.com](mailto:rquack4131@aol.com)

### LOOKING FOR WORK?

LOCAL MUSEUM NEEDS 12 DOCENTS. PICK YOUR OWN HOURS.  
WILL TRAIN. FEMALES AND MALES OVER 65 PREFERRED. ENJOY GOOD BENEFITS: *FREE WATER AND MINTS.*  
MAY BE REQUIRED TO WEAR COSTUMES. GREAT JOB FOR HISTORY BUFFS.  
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DON'T DELAY AND MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY

### NEED ATTIC CLEANED OF ARTIFACTS?

Call Dust Busters TODAY. Give your interesting but not so valuable 19th and early 20th century articles to the Lee Republican Women Federated Museum!!  
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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Hi All! My name is Peg Love, and I am your new Membership Chairman! Following in the footsteps of my mentor, Sharon Gibson, I promise I will do my very best. Please feel free to contact me at [peglove810@gmail.com](mailto:peglove810@gmail.com) or call me at 941-740-0228. As you can see, we currently have 113 members, with several of you who have not paid the 2017 dues. Please do so ASAP! We would love to see you at the monthly meetings.

ALSO please encourage your friends, colleagues and neighbors to come to a meeting and check us out. Then see Barb Koeplinger, Darlene Izzo or me for an application to join. Or visit the website for an application. We will have two (or more, if needed) orientation sessions each year.

A little bit about me...I've lived in Florida for 22 years, all in Burnt Store Marina, which is the most northern edge of Lee County. I hail from Grand Forks, North Dakota (anyone else out there??) and lived in Illinois, Michigan and Massachusetts before settling here. I found Lee Republican Women Federated three years ago, and it has been an excellent experience. Thank you, LRWF!

**PLEASE PAY 2017 DUES ASAP...IF YOU ARE NOT RENEWING, PLEASE ADVISE**

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**89 Full Members + 19 Associate Members + 6 Student Members = 113 Total Members**

## DO WE HAVE A DEMOCRACY OR REPUBLIC?

Here's the link to a short video that we can all share about our founding fathers' view of democracy and why they chose to create a Republic instead: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JdS6fyUikII&feature=share>

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THE PAST MONTH IN PICTURES



*On January 31st, these lovely ladies all joined the CATO Institute Luncheon at the Ritz Carlton in Naples. MaryJo Hoyman, Pat Baldwin, Ginny Dougall, Cindy Lignelli, Judy O'Donnell, Jonah Goldberg, Shirley O'Donnell (former LRWF member), Linda Loudin and Renie Frank. Jonah Goldberg is a national syndicated columnist, Fox TV contributor and a Senior Editor for National Review.*



*Ismael Hernandez talks about his conversion from socialism to believing in the American way!*



*Ismael signs his book for LRWF members.*