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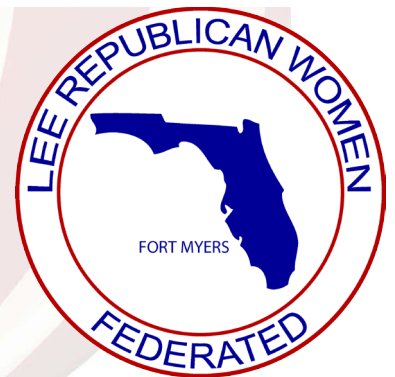
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Strong Women for a Strong America



Amira Fox - Asst. State Atty.



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Heather Fitzenhagen - State Rep.



Linda Doggett - Clerk of Courts



Ruth Rodrigues - Wife of State Rep

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"A Constitution of Government
once changed from Freedom
can never be restored.*

Liberty, once lost, is lost forever."

John Adams

JOIN US!

The next meeting of LRWF is August 13th at Pincher's Restaurant. at the Marina, in Fort Myers at 2360 West First Street. Social time starts at 5:15 PM with dinner following. Amira Fox, Heather Fitzenhagen, Ruth Rodrigues, Kathy Smith and Linda Doggett will all be speaking. The menu choices are:

1. Grilled Shrimp with coconut rice, green beans almondine, house salad and rolls,
2. Chicken Alfredo, house salad and rolls
3. Plain Caesar Salad with toppings on the side. Dessert: Carrot Cake.

Reservation Deadline is Thursday,
August 9th at noon

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NEXT MONTH'S SPEAKERS:

Dane Eagle & Ray Rodrigues

Amira Fox has been Assistant State Attorney for the past six years. She supervises a team of 300 staff members including 120 Assistant State Attorneys. She was awarded the highest award from Martindale-Hubbell measuring client satisfaction and peer review for legal ability and highest ethical standards. Amira and her husband Mike have four children, two of which were raised in a Christian school.

Kathy Smith, Public Defender since 2008. She has a passion for helping people recovering from substance abuse and mental illness issues. She is an adjunct professor at FGCU and she is on the board for the PACE School for Girls, SWFlorida Addiction Services, Lee Mental Health Inc. and the Institute for Youth and Justice Studies through FGCU.

Heather Fitzenhagen has been a member of the Florida State House of Representatives since 2012. In 2014 she joined the law firm of Morgan and Morgan. She graduated from Nova Southeastern University Law School. Along with her involvement in many civic organizations, she enjoys golfing, hunting and traveling.

Linda Doggett was elected as Clerk of Courts in 2012 and again in 2016. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Management Information Systems from Hodges University and is a veteran of the Clerk's office. As Clerk, she oversees a staff of 340 employees serving a population of approximately 722,336 county residents.

Ruth Rodrigues is married to State House Majority Leader, Ray Rodrigues. Ruth shoulders the responsibility of caring for their son while Ray serves us in Tallahassee. In addition, she is very active with the pro-life group, Personhood Florida, works at FGCU and is a long-time member of Lee Republican Women Federated.

NEWSLETTER OF LEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Doris Cortese
LRWF President

Soon we will all be going to the polls. At least, I hope we will be going to the polls. The most recent polling shows Democrats starting to have a slight advantage. That's what we heard when President Trump was in his last days. They predicted that he would lose and Hillary would win! What happened? We voted, and we got out and urged our friends and neighbors to vote too!

It is vital that we have a red wave in the fall, but we first must vote for the best Republican, conservative candidates in the primaries to run against the Democrats in the big election in the fall. This is a "do or die" election...and a do or die primary. If we don't do the doing...getting out to vote, our party and everything that we have worked for and accomplished so far, will die!!!!

Do your homework so you know who our best Republican candidates are. Please vote and make sure that every conservative that you know, will also vote!

Doris Cortese, President, LRWF - Vice President, LCREC

Update on Federal Water Quality Efforts *By Francis Rooney*

It is important that all levels of government, Federal, State, and local, work together in the short term to redirect as much water as possible from Lake Okeechobee to the south. This will reduce harmful discharges into the Caloosahatchee River and stop destroying our estuaries and bays.

Unfortunately for all of us, for 18 years, since 2000, Congress has failed to deliver on building out the projects authorized in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), or in completing repairs to the Herbert Hoover Dike which would permit retention of more water in the lake and avoid massive discharges into the Caloosahatchee. In 18 months of working in Congress I have been laser-focused on our water quality in Southwest Florida, and have worked hard to find every possible avenue of funding to complete CERP projects and expedite completion of the dike repairs – and we are now getting results.

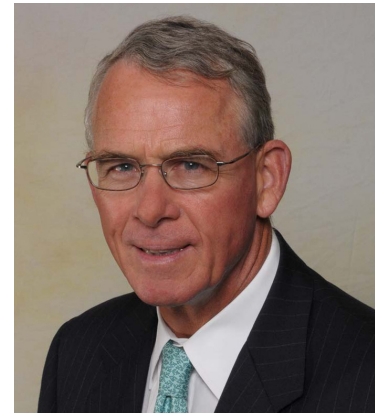
In July, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) announced an expedited timeline for repair of the Herbert Hoover Dike. I met personally with Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney a couple of weeks ago and urged him to direct funds from the hurricane disaster relief program to the Herbert Hoover Dike repair project.

Joined with \$206 million recently appropriated by the House, a total of \$514 million will be set aside to complete the dike repairs by 2022 instead of the end of the decade. Every year saved completing these repairs is a year that harmful releases into our ecosystem will stop sooner.

In addition to the dike, I have successfully fought for funding to complete CERP projects. We have united the Florida delegation like never before and I have personally brought House leadership to Southwest Florida to see the watershed first hand. Now we are seeing results here, as well - a record \$115 million set aside for CERP in the FY2019 budget. With these dollars, construction will begin on the EAA reservoir to store water south of the lake and move it into the treatment basins and ultimately into Florida Bay. Several projects which are nearly complete, including the Picayune Strand, will finally be finished. Although these recent successes at the federal level will not solve our water quality issues as quickly as we all want, they will solve them PERMANENTLY.

To manage the immediate damage being caused by releases from the lake, our office has been in contact with the Office of Management and Budget to assess where additional disaster funds could be available to address current algae related issues. We have also contacted the National Institutes of Health to determine courses of action for any health issues that may arise. Lastly, we are pursuing, with the Small Business Administration, resources for the many family run businesses suffering economic loss. We are aggressively investigating all opportunities to address environmental, economic and health effects that are arising due to current conditions.

Years of neglect and inaction by Washington's career politicians have put us behind and added to our problems. I am encouraged by what we have accomplished in the last 18 months, and will continue to fight every day for a healthy environment and vibrant Southwest Florida economy.



Francis Rooney
US House of Representatives



Ladies,
Book Chat group will not meet again until October. This will give you time to read our new selection, *The Russia Hoax*, by Gregg Jarrett. We made an executive decision at the last meeting to change our book choice in view of all that is happening in our world today.

Fox News legal analyst, Gregg Jarrett reveals the real story behind Hillary's deep state collaborators in government and expose their nefarious actions during and after the 2016 election. The book reveals how persons within the FBI and Barack Obama's Justice Department worked improperly to help elect Hillary Clinton and defeat Donald Trump in the 2016 presidential election.

When this suspected effort failed, those same people appear to have pursued a contrived investigation of Donald Trump in an attempt to undo the election results and remove him as president. The evidence suggests that partisans within the FBI and the Department of Justice, driven by personal animus and a misplaced sense of political righteousness, acted to subvert electoral democracy in our country.

Plan to meet us at Mel's Diner on US 41, Wednesday, October 3, from 1:00-3:00. We will discuss the book and enjoy a nice lunch. Please call or email me if you plan to attend, so we may phone ahead for reservations.

Happy reading,

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Membership and Hospitality

We are visible at the table just inside the doorway to the dining room at each regular meeting (along with 50/50 tickets). Someone on our Hospitality Committee will also be in the outer entry to greet you and will assist you in finding a table. Sit with someone you don't know or perhaps a new member. Our goal is to have everyone get to know one another and share the experience with fellow Republicans. Volunteer is the by word! The Membership and Hospitality Committee is always looking for assistance!!

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My Opinion
By Mary Snyder

PROTECT OUR PRESIDENT...HE IS PROTECTING US

It's the economy, Stupid! James Carville coined that phrase during Bill Clinton's campaign. It was coined to show that if a candidate just kept his eyes on the economy and made sure that it was going good, then all would be well and the candidate that did that, would be elected or re-elected.

Things have changed though. In a recent poll, it was discovered that people have become more concerned with their values. Nevertheless, I am sure that it still is very much the economy. When push comes to shove, no matter what people say in a poll, they're going to vote their pocketbook...at least to some degree. But I'm not concerned about that. President Trump has no problem coming up with a great economy.

What I am concerned about is values. I know that Republicans have great values. The Republican party, unlike what the Democrats like to say, has great values. We believe that life is sacred, that God should be revered, we believe in helping those less fortunate than we are. We are not prejudiced toward race or nationality. We know that women are every bit as capable as men, although we do recognize that we have different bodies and our physical limitations cannot be denied, but we are equal in all other ways and should be treated as such.

Not only do Republicans have those values, but President Trump has those values. The problem is that the Democrats have successfully convinced many people that we (and President Trump) are prejudiced, money-grabbing homophobes.

Now, let's talk about President Trump. He is generous and kind, but people don't know that. They hear him striking out at a media that has no mercy with him. His tweets are the only way he has of defending himself. People complain about his tweets all of the time. He is NOT going to stop tweeting, so we need to get over it and defend his right to have freedom of speech in any form that he wishes. I've listened to those tweets and have read the tweets. Most of them say nothing that is objectionable and they are all true. So what is the big deal? If you were being attacked, you would want the same privilege that President Trump is taking...the privilege of defending himself.

So why am I writing this? I am writing because it is coming down to the wire. We have very little time to turn things around. We need to walk door to door and talk to people about the primary candidates. We need to tell people that President Trump needs Republicans in every branch of government both local and national. If they tell you they aren't sure about President Trump anymore, then we need to defend him. He needs our help. By the way, he has done such a great job that there would be no need to defend him if he wasn't being lied about day after day on every news media except for Fox. And there are some people on Fox who are lying about him.

Talk to all of your neighbors, talk to all of your friends. We need to get as many people on board as possible. If we lose the House or the Senate, we will have Nancy Pelosi, Chuck Schumer and our beloved President will be impeached.

President Trump is fighting the swamp. Do you know what happens when you drain the swamp? The alligators come up and try to grab you, put you under a log and wait for you to die and rot before eating you. That is what the liberal Democrats want to happen to President Trump. They want him dead...gone!

Write Paul Ryan and Mitch McConnell and tell them to put up the money for the wall. Mitch McConnell has made it clear to the press that he has no intension of giving the money for the wall until after the midterms. Do you know why? He's counting on the majority to go back to the Democrats and then the wall will never be build. Mitch McConnell has no intention of building the wall.

I wrote Paul Ryan, Mitch McConnell and Bill Nelson today. I write them frequently. We all need to be doing that. Those three are very much responsible for stopping our conservative efforts. Every one reading this opinion page should be writing these three men constantly. Tell Mitch McConnell that we need the wall. Tell them all!

One last word. A group of reporters were shouting out questions to President Trump and one of them asked him why he was doing certain things in regard to foreign policy. President Trump stopped, turned around, looked at that reporter and said, "Because I am trying to keep you from getting blown up." I was totally struck by that statement. President Trump is working hard for all of us and even for that reporter that was being rude and sarcastic while asking her question.

President Trump is trying to put money in our pockets and is trying to keep us from getting blown up. He wants us safe from bombs and all the bad people that come in through open borders. He has done more for this country than any president in my life of 72 years. Get out and vote. Get your friends and neighbors to vote. And most of all educate the voters so that they vote correctly. We can't afford to lose what we have gained.

Fundraising Fun

Beautiful Ladies and Gentlemen mark your calendars for some of the fun upcoming Fundraising Events!

BASKET OF SPIRITS & WINE

Firstly, we are selling raffle tickets for a basket full of spirits and wine and a basket of sweets. The tickets are \$5.00 apiece with 5 for \$20. At this point in time we have 12 bottles of spirits donated and six bottles of wine. A pretty good assortment and if you win a stocked bar for a year. See your board members for tickets and a chance on the raffle. The first drawing will be at the October 8, 2018 dinner meeting for the basket of sweets and the second drawing will be at the December 10, 2018 dinner meeting and some lucky person will have a very merry Christmas with family and friends. There will also be a special auction basket or two for the December meeting too.



ANNIE BRING YOUR GUN...OR NOT

Secondly, on November 17, 2018 we are headed out to the shooting range to attend classes which will make us eligible for the concealed carry permit. The Sheriff Department has generously agreed to make staff available for this fun day out and we will be having a box lunch and then shooting after the schooling. The price for this class, lunch and shooting is \$25 each. Space is limited and I will be taking reservations starting in September. The day starts at 9:00 AM and we finish up around 2:00 PM. A great outing.



SPRING FASHION SHOW

Thirdly, our date for the upcoming fashion show for 2019 is set. We listened to concerns about it being in November so we are going to try something new. Instead of a fall show we will have a spring show and thanks to Judy O Donnell we have reserved the Forrest Country Club for Monday April 8, 2019. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.



I truly hope you all will consider participating in one or all of these events. We try to have some fun and do different things as we fundraise for candidates, charities and scholarships.

Blessings,

Kerri Tonkin
1st VP and Fundraising Chair



AMERICAN WOMEN TO WATCH

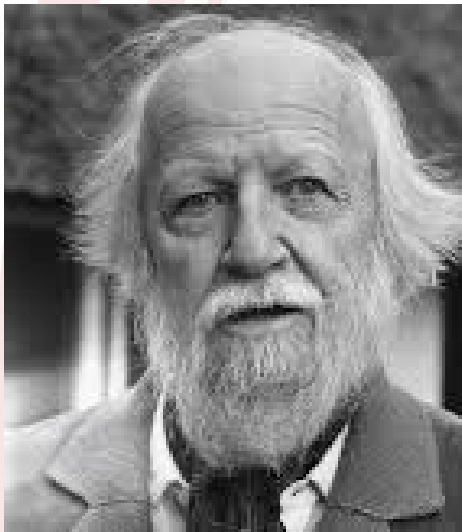
Alveda Celeste King is the niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and daughter of King's younger brother, Rev. A. D. King. She has a Masters of Arts degree in Business Management from Central Michigan University and received an honorary Doctorate of Laws from Saint Anselm College. In 1978, she was elected to the Georgia State House of Representatives. She is a prominent American author, pro-life and civil rights activist and minister. She is a Fox News channel contributor and once served as a Senior Fellow at the Alexis de Tocqueville Institution, a Washington, D.C. think-tank. She is a former member of the Georgia House of Representatives and the founder of Alveda King Ministries. Alveda King is the recipient of the Life Prize Award (2011), the Cardinal John O'Connor Pro-Life Hall of Fame Award (2011) from the Legatus organization and the Civil Rights Award from Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) (2011).



Alveda Celeste King
Author & Activist

After endorsing Senator Sam Brownback in the 2008 Presidential primary, King endorsed John McCain and urged African Americans not to vote for Barack Obama. In 2010, she was a featured speaker at the Restoring Honor rally, and in 2013 she addressed the March for Life. She joined the 2015 Restoring Unity Rally march in Birmingham.

In the 2016 U.S. Presidential election Dr. King was highly critical of the liberal positions of Hillary Rodham Clinton and the Democratic party which have created destitution and dependency among black families. Dr. King assisted facilitating Donald Trump's outreach to the African American community.



William Golding
British Novelist, Playwright & Poet
1911-1993

I think women are foolish to pretend they are equal to men. They are far superior and always have been. Whatever you give a woman, she will make greater. If you give her sperm, she will give you a baby. If you give her a house, she will give you a home. If you give her groceries, she will give you a meal. If you give her a smile, she will give you her heart. She multiplies and enlarges what is given to her.

So, if you give her any crap,
be ready to receive a ton of sh...!

THE TRUTH CAN OFTEN HURT.....

Unfortunately the average American citizen is, by far, uninformed. For the most part they believe the liberal Democrat mantra which they repeat over and over until many believe it. According to all left winger Democrats, all Republicans are racist, anti immigrants, anti women, xenophobes, homophobes, and all the rest. The lady in the link below explains everything in detail, but, even with the facts, many refuse to accept the truth. THIS VIDEO sets the record straight....

CLICK HERE FOR AN EYE OPENER! VERY GOOD INFO!

Legislative UPDATE

By Lori Fayhee

Lee County School Board Candidates and Party Affiliation

The Lee County School Board is a non-partisan race. With the 6-1 vote in favor of the District's half-penny sales tax referendum, we have witnessed that the current elected board only has one true conservative serving. Board member, Melisa Giovanelli, could use some conservative support on this board. While I believe we should use caution in using political party

registration as the sole determining factor in who you vote for - considering the current board contains only two registered Democrats - we MUST be informed and elect a board that is fiscally responsible with our tax dollars.

Here is a list of the 2018 School Board candidates, which includes their political party. I trust this will be useful for party leaders, like myself, who must abide by rules pertaining to advocacy for certain candidates and those who have taken an oath not to openly advocate for a non-Republican over a Republican. Please share and get out the VOTE!

District 1 - Cape Coral

Charles Dailey	Republican	
Mary Fisher	Democrat	Incumbent

District 4 - Portion of Cape Coral and North Fort Myers

Don Armstrong	Republican
Louis C Navarra	Republican
Debbie Jordan	Democrat
Gerri Ware	Democrat

District 5 - Lehigh Acres

Pamela Lariviere	Republican	Incumbent
Taruas Pugh	Republican	
Jon Shudlick	Republican	
Gwynetta Gittens	Democrat	
Moses Jackson II	Democrat	

District 6 - All of Lee County

Nicholas Alexander	Republican
Lori Fayhee	Republican
Betsy Vaughn	Democrat
Karen Putman Watson	Democrat

Vote by mail Election Ballots for the August 28, 2018 Primary election were mailed to voters the last week of July. If you haven't signed up to receive your ballot in the mail, you may want to request one for the 8-page General Election Ballot in November, which will include 13 Proposed Constitutional Amendments and the Lee County School District's half-penny sales tax referendum.



**TELL MITCH TO PASS THE BUDGET TO BUILD THE WALL BEFORE THE MIDTERMS!
TELL BILL NELSON TO CONFIRM KAVANAUGH!**

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REGISTERED VOTEERS IN FLORIDA THIS YEAR

(We need more Republicans...get out and do your job! Talk to EVERYONE!)

Year	Republican Party of Florida	Florida Democratic Party	Minor Parties	No Party Affiliation	Total
2018	4,562,533	4,792,599	82,737	3,489,449	12,927,318

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Candidate
Fl State Attorney*



*Brian Hammon
Lee County Commissioner*



*Francis Rooney
U.S. Congressman
Dist. 19*



*Linda Doggett
Lee County Clerk of Courts*



*Spencer Roach
Candidate
Fl House
of Representatives*



*Larry Hart
Lee Co. Tax Collector*

From FRONTPAGE by David Horowitz
(Long article, but worth the read...)

“How did we get into this mess?” Obama asked Putin. It was the summer of '09 and the two men, one a former community organizer and the other a former KGB officer, were sitting on the veranda of Putin's dacha. While Obama noshed on three types of pricey caviar, Putin took a bite out of his junior colleague by delivering an extended denunciation of America. Obama listened without a word of protest to Putin's attack on America. According to Michael McFaul, his point man on Russia who has been attacking Trump prominently in the media, “the history lesson was even rather helpful because it enabled him to emphasize to Putin: well, I'm different, I'm new.” Putin's litany of American foreign policy crimes was cunningly fitted to the politics of the left. On that summer day, Russia wasn't an enemy, but a victim of the Bush administration's cowboy diplomacy. And Obama was seeking common ground with Russia, Iran and the Brotherhood against the Republicans. By different, Obama meant that he didn't care about traditional alliances or national interest. Selling out American allies like Poland had gotten Barry a taste of Vladimir's beluga.

The cost of the caviar was missile defense for Eastern Europe. America wanted it there and the Russians didn't. The caviar followed Hillary Clinton's comically disastrous reset button push. Both Hillary and Obama needed these photo ops. Putin didn't need the photos. He wanted concessions. And he got them.

The betrayal and abandonment of Poland was only the first of Obama's many concessions to Putin.

The architects of Obama's appeasement of Putin have been some of the most militant voices denouncing Trump. McFaul among them. Trump has been accused of making concessions to Putin. But, unlike Obama, Trump made zero concessions to Putin. Not on missile defense. Or on anything else.

Instead President Trump has steadily reversed Obama's tide of concessions to Putin.

The media is outraged over Russia's invasion of Ukraine. But when that happened, Ukraine asked for weapons and the only aid that Obama offered their country was MREs. It took months for Obama to come through with boots and tires. Meanwhile Trump has delivered actual weapons.

Why did Obama refuse to provide Ukraine with weapons? According to senior officials, to avoid antagonizing Moscow. Trump isn't afraid of Russia. Obama however was shaking in his loafers.

While Trump approved anti-tank missiles for Ukraine, Obama slow-walked shipments of boots, putting them on trucks instead of planes so that they took months to arrive, so as not to upset the Russians. Meanwhile the Trump administration cut the red tape by dipping into its own European stockpiles.

In the time it took Obama to ship boots to Ukraine, Trump shipped Javelin missiles.

Obama shelved missile defense for Poland and the Czech Republic. Trump cut a multi-billion deal for selling Patriot missiles to Poland. When Obama provided Patriot missiles to Poland, he neglected to mention that the batteries would not actually contain missiles. The ambassador to Poland, had noted, “The Poles have not been told that the battery will rotate without actual missiles... but it will also not be operational, and certainly interoperable... this will be a question of basic definitions for the Poles: is it a Patriot battery if it doesn't have live missiles?” Trump's missile deal comes with actual missiles.

When Obama's old foreign policy hands crowd the green rooms of CNN and MSNBC, when they pen editorials for Foreign Policy and the Washington Post, accusing Trump of betraying Eastern Europe to Russia, remember these are same people who sent fake missiles on Poland to go with the fake news.

Every new president is entitled to the occasional foreign policy blunder. But sacrificing Poland to Putin wasn't a singular event. Three years later, Obama was caught on a hot mic assuring Medvedev, Putin's political flunky, that he needed space on, “missile defense” until the Republicans were defeated.

“This is my last election,” Obama wheedled. “After my election I have more flexibility.” “I understand,” Medvedev offered. “I will transmit this information to Vladimir.” Obama was conspiring with Putin against the American people. He was assuring Putin's man that he would have more flexibility to appease Russia after he had fooled America.

The media has been screaming that Trump was a traitor, when it was their man who sold out to Putin, while President Trump held the line on missile defense without caring about what Moscow thought.

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From FRONTPAGE by David Horowitz *(continued)*

And it wasn't just missile defense in Eastern Europe. Obama's obsession with dismantling our national defenses led him to ignore Russian violations of the INF treaty. Not only did Obama ignore the violations which had been going for an entire term, but he and his political allies helped cover them up. The motive was a mix of appeasement and cover-up.

"We're not going to pass another treaty in the U.S. Senate if our colleagues are sitting up here knowing somebody is cheating," John Kerry said. Obama officials lied about Russian treaty violations to Congress while pushing new treaties with Russia. Then they went on to pull the same trick over their fake WMD deals with Russia's allies in Syria and Iran. Each time, violations were ignored and a fake agreement was trumpeted by Obama for political gain. The caviar conference in '09 set the template for eight years of Obama's sellouts of America. The Obama administration hid the Russian violations, not only from Americans, but from NATO. When a former Obama official piously lectures Trump about the importance of NATO, he ought to be asked why his administration put Putin ahead of NATO. The media ought to be asked why it ignored the violations.

In the winter of last year, the media buzzed with stories about Russia deploying a new cruise missile in violation of the INF. And, as the New York Times put it, "challenging Trump". But when Russia was violating the INF under Obama, the media accepted the Ben Rhodes spin about smart diplomacy. All the smart appeasement in the world though failed to get compliance or punish the Russian violations.

Instead Obama sold out America by unilaterally complying with a treaty that the Russians were violating.

The Russians rolled Obama on the INF and START treaties. Then they rolled him on Assad's chemical weapons. And then they went for a triple score by rolling him on Iran's nuclear program.

That's how we got into this mess.

Obama did not care about missile defense. The diplomatic outreach of the newly selected leader traded resets with enemies for the betrayal of allies. In Egypt, Obama would abandon Mubarak to the Muslim Brotherhood. When democracy protests broke out in Iran, Obama urged waiting for the dust to settle. The resets were paid with the blood of Iranian protesters, with Christian churches in Egypt and with the Russian expansionism that would lead to the loss of Flight MH-117 and the annexation of Crimea.

The media has spent a day losing its mind because of what President Trump said or didn't say. Yet Obama not only obsequiously praised Putin, "I am aware of not only the extraordinary work that you've done on behalf of the Russian people in your previous role as prime minis-, uh, as president, but in your current role as prime minister," not only failed to stand up for America when Putin lashed out at the United States, but betrayed us in deeds.

Obama thought of the world as moving in tune to his speeches. His old associates are angry that Trump hasn't said the right words. But Trump knows that it's not words that move the world, but actions.

Unlike Obama, Trump doesn't just talk, he acts.

We do not measure Obama by his words, but by his actions. It was not his speeches that mattered, but the empty Patriot batteries in Poland and the trucks taking two months to deliver boots to Ukraine.

If you doubt who actually stood up to Putin, don't ask the media. Ask Ukraine and Poland.

We are being lectured on appeasement, treason and weakness by the very people who dismantled our nuclear defenses, who sold off our uranium to Russia, and who rewarded Iran for its nuclear program.

None of their speeches will wash away their appeasement, their cowardice and their treason.

Unlike Obama, President Trump sold weapons to Ukraine. Unlike Obama, he bombed Assad. Unlike Obama, he provided Poland with working Patriot missiles. Unlike Obama, he stood up to Russia.

*(Editor's note: The article above definitely should spur all conservatives to action.
Get mad and get to work by spreading the truth!)*

THE PREVIOUS MONTH IN PICTURES



Linda Doggett, Lee County Clerk of Courts chats with Lee County Commissioner, Cecil Pendergrass.



Linda Doggett again with fun loving Roz Lesser



Jenna Persons, Attorney of Strayhorn & Persons law firm enjoys the day at our LRWF luncheon.



Lori Fayhee, Candidate at Large for Lee County School Board and Spencer Roach, Candidate for Florida State Congress.



Cecil Pendergrass poses with Jenna Persons.



Left to right...Lori Fayhee and Kathy McMichael are just having fun!



Left to right...Elaine Sarlo representing Marco Rubio, Justin=Kim Hummel representing Ashley Moody and Mary Snyder, LRWF Newsletter and Social Media Chair

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*Amira Fox
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