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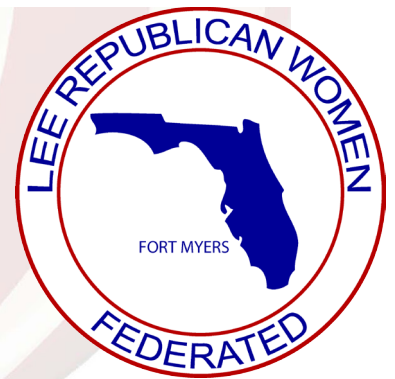
SEPTEMBER 2018

Strong Women for a Strong America

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"In this present crisis, government
is not the solution to our problem:
government is the problem."*

Ronald Reagan



Ray Rodrigues
Florida State Majority Leader
(2016-2018)



Dane Eagle
Florida State Majority Whip
(2016-2018)

Ray Rodrigues was born in Pensacola and attended Berry College in Rome, Georgia, where he received a scholarship from the WinShape Foundation and graduated in 1992. Following graduation, he moved to Estero, where he became an active member of the community, eventually working as the Budget Manager for the College of Arts and Sciences at Florida Gulf Coast University.

When the Florida House of Representatives districts were redrawn in 2012, Rodrigues elected to run in the newly created 76th District. Ray's accomplishments in the House of Representatives are impressive and are too numerous to write here. He currently holds the position of Majority Leader of the Florida House of Representatives and has a wife, Ruth and a son, Rhett.

Dane Eagle was born in Cape Coral and attended Bishop Verot High School while working at his family's real estate business, Eagle Realty. He later attended Florida Gulf Coast University, where he received his associate degree in 2003 while working as a realtor full-time. Following graduation, Eagle attended the University of Florida, majoring in economics and initially aspiring to be a pediatrician. After he was appointed to a citizen advisory committee in Gainesville, however, he decided to enter public service, and upon graduation, moved to Tallahassee, where he eventually became the Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Charlie Crist. After working for several years in government, he eventually moved back to Cape Coral, working for Dane Realty full-time.

In 2012, following the reconfiguration of Florida House districts, Eagle opted to run in the newly created 77th District, based in Cape Coral. Dane defeated his democratic opponent easily, winning his first term in the legislature with 62% of the vote. Currently Dane holds the title of Majority Whip in the House of Representatives.

JOIN US!

The next meeting of LRWF is September 10th at Pincher's Restaurant. at the Marina, in Fort Myers at 2360 West First Street. Social time starts at 11:15 AM with lunch following. Ray Rodrigues, State Majority Leader and Dane Eagle, Florida State Majority Whip will be speaking to us about the legislature.

The menu choices are:

1. Homemade Ham Salad on a croissant with chips
2. Garden Green Salad with grilled chicken and rolls
3. Plain Caesar Salad with toppings on the side

Dessert: Chocolate Cake

Reservation Deadline is Thursday,
September 6th at noon
For reservations call

Mary Ann Hansen email rmh738@aol.com or phone 239-432-9389

To make a reservation online go to
<http://www.leerepublicanwomen.com/store>

NEXT MONTH'S SPEAKER:

Cecil Pendergrass

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

I want to start by congratulating our Republican primary winners...Governor Rick Scott, Ron DeSantis, Ashley Moody, Matt Caldwell, Amira Fox, Spencer Roach, Maria Gonzales and Don Armstrong.

Now that the primaries have come to an end, we must all work toward November. We can't just assume that we can go to the polls in November or mail in our ballots and all will be well. It is going to take work.

We need each and every one of you to spend as much time at the Republican headquarters as you can. We need walkers, callers, sign wavers and people talking to every person that they can find. Send emails to your email lists. Invite people to dinner and have conversations with them. Talk to Democrats about the need for them to vote Republican. Many Democrats have Republican values, but they just don't know it. That's where you all come in. Gently educate...don't confront. And then when you find someone who's eyes were opened, help them to fill out the paperwork to change their party affiliation and bring the form into the headquarters. Then help them to know which candidates hold their values, so they know "how" to vote. Remember...Educate, educate, educate!

If the Democrats win, they will immediately vote to impeach President Trump and will be led by Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer. **Let's paint the state RED!**

Doris Cortese, President, LRWF - Vice President, LCREC

WHO'S RIDING THE WAVE?

By Francis Rooney

For many months we've heard the political pundits talk about the coming "blue wave" that would drown Republicans and drive Democrat victories all across the country. Here in Florida, at least, the blue wave appears to have little velocity.

Florida just experienced the highest voter turnout for a midterm election since 2002, at 27%. Lee County mirrored the overall number, while Collier County had an astonishing 34% turnout. Statewide, Republicans cast 109,000 more votes than Democrats did, even though Democrats have 246,000 more registered voters. However, there are nearly 3.5 million no party affiliation (NPA) voters who must be swayed toward our side in November. Certain media have proffered the view that these NPA's are by and large younger voters, millennials for example, and Hispanic immigrants, and imply that they break for democrats.

This remains to be seen. They may well be younger and more Hispanic but while the primaries reflect strong turnout, the votes didn't break as the media suggests.

It is critical that we come together now as one party and keep the momentum going. The future well-being of our community, state and nation depend on it. Up and down the ballot, there are races that will determine which direction Florida and the country take. Florida has enjoyed eight years of fiscal conservatism, low taxes, sound finances and consistent job growth. Will this be upended by state spending and new regulations or will it continue to grow and enrich our state?

Likewise, will Congress continue to advance the Republican agenda of job creation, lower taxes and border security, or will Washington be shut down over a push for unchecked immigration, more spending and higher taxes?

The House of Representatives has been productive in passing legislation that lowers taxes, secures our borders, reduces regulations, supports our veterans, and gives you back control of your own healthcare, but the Senate has been a road-block to progress. It has failed to pass many of these House bills and has not even voted on 564 of them.

Bill Nelson has been in lock-step with the democrat intransigence, having a voting record that Chuck Schumer is very happy with - including voting against the President's Supreme Court nominee. Let's see what he does about Kavanaugh. We need to send Rick Scott to the Senate so that his business experience and leadership can continue to serve our state well, instead of re-electing a career officer holder.

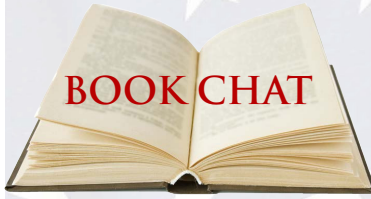
The race for Governor is equally important and has a more direct impact on us. Ron DeSantis, a conservative Congressman and Navy veteran, would continue to lead Florida down the path of prosperity that Rick Scott put in motion. Andrew Gillum, the socialist leaning democratic nominee seeks to raise corporate tax rates by 40%, abolish ICE and raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour. His time as Mayor of Tallahassee has been marked by soaring crime rates, mismanagement of Hurricane Hermine recovery efforts and an ongoing FBI investigation. **Continued on next page...**



Francis Rooney
US House of Representatives

Who's Riding the Wave by Francis Rooney continued...

The high Republican turnout we generate in Lee County is critical for Rick and Ron's statewide success. Your work here offsets our opponents along the I-4 corridor and the southeast coast. It is also important so we can elect Republicans to the State House of Representatives, County Commissioners, School Board, Attorney General and Agriculture Commissioner. Florida has been blessed with strong leadership over the last eight years, and that has led to a prosperous and desirable state. Nobody has worked harder to elect these strong leaders during this time than Republican women - especially those in Southwest Florida. Keep up the fight all the way through Election Day - we need you now, more than ever!



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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make
America
greater

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).

We welcome the following new members!

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Are we in a Civil War? The following is a VERY good read!

(Author uncertain...mostly likely by Daniel Greenfield, a conservative author)

How do civil wars happen?

Two or more sides disagree on who runs the country. And they can't settle the question through elections because they don't even agree that elections are how you decide who's in charge. That's the basic issue here. Who decides who runs the country? When you hate each other but accept the election results, you have a country. When you stop accepting election results, you have a countdown to a civil war.

The Mueller investigation is about removing President Trump from office and overturning the results of an election. We all know that. But it's not the first time they've done this. The first time a Republican president was elected this century, they said he didn't really win. The Supreme Court gave him the election. There's a pattern here.

What do sure odds of the Democrats rejecting the next Republican president really mean? It means they don't accept the results of any election that they don't win. It means they don't believe that transfers of power in this country are determined by elections.

That's a civil war.

There's no shooting. At least not unless you count the attempt to kill a bunch of Republicans at a charity baseball game practice. But the Democrats have rejected our system of government.

This isn't dissent. It's not disagreement. You can hate the other party. You can think they're the worst thing that ever happened to the country. But then you work harder to win the next election. When you consistently reject the results of elections that you don't win, what you want is a dictatorship.

Your very own dictatorship.

The only legitimate exercise of power in this country, according to Democrats, is its own. Whenever Republicans exercise power, it's inherently illegitimate. The Democrats lost Congress. They lost the White House. So what did they do? They began trying to run the country through Federal judges and bureaucrats. Every time that a Federal judge issues an order saying that the President of the United States can't scratch his own back without his say so, that's the civil war.

Our system of government is based on the constitution, but that's not the system that runs this country. The Democrat's system is that any part of government that it runs gets total and unlimited power over the country.

If the Democrats are in the White House, then the president can do anything. And I mean anything. He can have his own amnesty for illegal aliens. He can fine you for not having health insurance. His power is unlimited. He's a dictator.

But when Republicans get into the White House, suddenly the President can't do anything. He isn't even allowed to undo the illegal alien amnesty that his predecessor illegally invented. A Democrat in the White House has 'discretion' to completely decide every aspect of immigration policy. A Republican doesn't even have the 'discretion' to reverse him. That's how the game is played. That's how our country is run. Sad but true, although the left hasn't yet won that particular fight.

When a Democrat is in the White House, states aren't even allowed to enforce immigration law. But when a Republican is in the White House, states can create their own immigration laws. Under Obama, a state wasn't allowed to go to the bathroom without asking permission. But under Trump, Jerry Brown can go around saying that California is an independent republic and sign treaties with other countries.

The Constitution has something to say about that.

Whether it's Federal or State, Executive, Legislative or Judiciary, the left moves power around to run the country. If it controls an institution, then that institution is suddenly the supreme power in the land. This is what I call a moving dictatorship.

Donald Trump has caused the Shadow Government to come out of hiding: Professional government is a guild. Like medieval guilds. You can't serve in if you're not a member. If you haven't been indoctrinated into its arcane rituals. If you aren't in the club. And Trump isn't in the club. He brought in a bunch of people who aren't in the club with him.

Now we're seeing what the pros do when amateurs try to walk in on them. They spy on them, they investigate them and they send them to jail. They use the tools of power to bring them down.

That's not a free country.

It's not a free country when FBI agents who support Hillary take out an 'insurance policy' against Trump winning the election. It's not a free country when Obama officials engage in massive unmasking of the opposition. It's not a free country when the media responds to the other guy winning by trying to ban the conservative media that supported him from social media. It's not a free country when all of the above collude together to overturn an election because the guy who wasn't supposed to win did.

Have no doubt, we're in a civil war between conservative volunteer government and a leftist Democrat professional government.

LOOK WHO'S COMING OUT OF THE SWAMP



My Opinion
By Mary Snyder

Who are the swamp creatures? President Trump took the security clearance away from **John Brennan**. The left is angry, but we need to examine the swamp slime that is on John Brennan. During his application to the CIA he admitted that he had voted for the U.S. Communist Party candidate for president, Gus Hall, in 1976. He later stated that he was shocked that he was accepted into the CIA since he voted for a Communist. He was in the CIA for 25 years. In January of 2009 President Obama made him the Homeland Security Advisor. Then in January of 2013, President Obama appointed him the director of the CIA, replacing General Petraeus. Petraeus was the head of the CIA during the Benghazi attack and refused to do Hillary's bidding to go

after the weapons that she illegally sold because he felt it was too dangerous. Hillary, was trying to protect herself from people finding out that she sold arms to Ansar al-Sharia without Congressional oversight or permission. Ansar al-Sharia was a revolutionist group promoting Sharia Law and to remove US and Western influence from Libya. General Petraeus, a military genius, pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of mishandling classified material, was fined \$100,000 (more than double the amount recommended by the prosecutors) and ended by resigning as director of the CIA. In walks John Brennan...someone that both President Obama and Hillary could trust. On Brennan's watch, the supposed Russian election tampering took place.

James Comey is also coming out of the swamp...full of slime. He stood in front of God and the public and told us about all of the illegal acts that were committed by Hillary and then ended up his speech by giving her a pass. Then, President Trump fired him at the recommendation of Rob Rosenstein. Comey was a leaker and absconded with government documents when he got fired.

Rob Rosenstein, Comey and Mueller were good friends for a long time. Before Sessions was appointed Attorney General, Mueller wanted and asked for the AG job. Rosenstein, being put in charge, appointed Mueller to the head of the Special Council to investigate Trump...could it be compensation for his good friend for not getting the position of Attorney General?

Andrew McCabe, former Deputy Director of the FBI, is under criminal investigation for lying to internal investigators. McCabe had made unauthorized releases of information (leaking) to the media and had "lacked candor" in talking about it. On March 16, 2018, Sessions fired McCabe 26 hours before his scheduled retirement.

Peter Strzok, fourth highest official in the FBI, was fired for misconduct. He was in charge of the Hillary Clinton email investigations. Strzok and his mistress, **Lisa Page**, were found discussing in emails, their plan to plot against President Trump's election. It was recently discovered that only 3,000 out of 300,000 of Hillary's emails from Anthony Weiner's laptop were investigated. Peter Strzok hand-picked those 3000 emails, and they were looked at over pizza in one night before giving their report.

James Clapper, former Director of National Intelligence, committed perjury by telling a congressional committee in a hearing that the NSA does not collect data on millions of Americans. Following, there was a June 2013 leak of documents detailing the National Security Agency's practice of collecting telephone metadata on millions of Americans' telephone calls.

Bruce Ohr, a former United States associate deputy attorney general of the Department of Justice and former director of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force, along with his wife **Nellie**, worked with the discredited Steele Dossier to try to stop President Trump from being elected. Nellie was employed by GFS Fusion, the company that put together the dossier.

Sally Yates was the temporary Attorney General after Loretta Lynch left. She refused to honor President Trump's executive order to ban Muslims from seven terrorist countries from coming into the United States. President Trump fired her. Later, she signed two FISA warrants to go after Carter Page. These warrants were based on the unsubstantiated Steele dossier.

Susan Rice, U.S. Ambassador to the UN under Obama, went on television and lied about Benghazi, stating that it was a spontaneous attack caused by an Internet video. This supported the false claims of Obama himself.

Michael Hayden, accused of lying to Congress during his 2007 testimony about the CIA's 'enhanced interrogation program' and has led a vicious attack on President Trump.

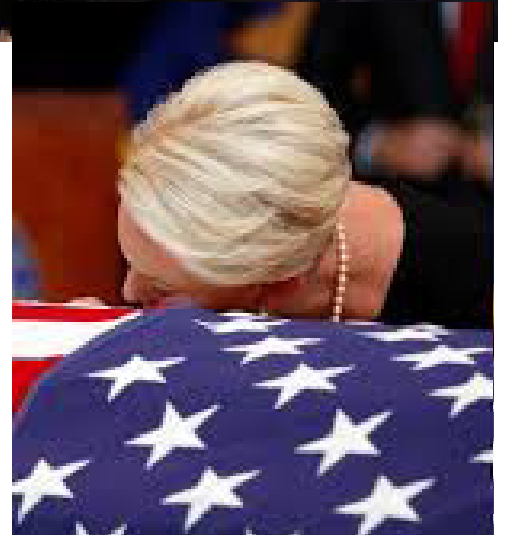
While all of these people had security clearances, the Russians interfered in our election. They did nothing to stop China from stealing our technology or to stop North Korea's nuclear program. And...they awarded the Islam terrorist regime in Tehran with \$150 billion in cash delivered on an aircraft in the middle of the night, providing them with a pathway to nuclear weapons...all on Obama's watch with Hillary at his side.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN MCCAIN
August 29, 1936 - August 25, 2018



*John McCain was a soldier, political warrior,
father and friend to many. His life cannot be
minimized. He was a true bi-partisan patriot who
served his country for sixty years.*

Thank you for your service John.



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

GDP Report Is Great News For Florida

Taken from TownHall.com and written by Steve Cortes | Posted: Aug 24, 2018 12:01 AM

Florida is winning big league under a revitalized economy.

The tremendous milestone of 4.1 percent national GDP growth shows that the United States is on the move again, and Florida is leading the pack.

The state economy is booming, unemployment hovers around an all-time low, and millions of Floridians are now seeing more take home pay in their paychecks.

So how did we get here?

Florida small business owners attribute this surge to the GOP's historic tax reform, which awarded millions of Floridians an immediate tax break after it was signed into law.

A great case study example of how the historic tax cuts are delivering direct benefits to Floridians is Dina Rubio. Dina is a local restaurant owner in West Palm Beach, who said the tax cuts have cleared a path for business expansion that will allow her to hire more employees. She has an exuberance about the future of her business that was lacking in prior years as the previously weak economy limited her growth.

Overall, businesses in the state have expanded hiring, raised hourly wages, and provided bonuses to thousands of workers across the state. Despite the destruction of Hurricane Irma, Florida still added nearly 200,000 jobs in 2017 alone, and the state's overall unemployment rate is at the lowest level in over a decade.

The combination of tax relief and the expanding growth in the national GDP (the three-plus percent rate President Trump promised us back in 2017) has Florida's economy moving full speed ahead.

For the first time ever, Florida's gross domestic product just topped \$1 trillion in July. If Florida were an independent state, it would have the 17th largest economy in the world — bigger than that of Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, and Argentina. And, according to the Florida Chamber Foundation, the state is adding about \$2.74 billion to its GDP each and every day.

Florida even led the 10 largest states in job growth last year, and is also one of the top ten states in the country to start a business.

It should come as no surprise, therefore, that a recent opinion survey demonstrated that 61 percent of Florida voters 50 years and older approve of President Donald Trump's job on the economy.

And the future looks even brighter. According to University of Central Florida's Dr. Sean Snaith, Florida's Real Gross State Product will expand by 3.7 percent in 2018 and 4.3 percent in 2019. Overall, Snaith expects average growth from 2017-2021 to be 0.7 percentage points higher than the national GDP growth.

Snaith said the recent progress isn't by accident either. "This is really being driven by fundamentals ... not just a fluke of an overheated economy." That's why the business sectors expected to have the strongest average job growth over the next three years include construction (6.3 percent) and professional services (5.2 percent).

This is further evidence of how Republican efforts to reinvigorate the economy are producing well-paying, no nonsense jobs throughout the great state of Florida.

The state is benefitting immensely from current economic leadership, and the good people of Florida should only expect more prosperity to come.

The future looks very bright for the Sunshine State.





Americanism By Erin Casey

AMERICAN WOMEN TO WATCH



Mary Fallin
Governor of Oklahoma

Ms. Fallin was elected the Governor of Oklahoma in 2010 and re-elected in 2014. She is the 27th Governor of Oklahoma and the first female Governor of the state. She graduated from Tecumseh High School and attended Oklahoma Baptist University, in Shawnee. Fallin holds a bachelor of science degree in human and environmental sciences, and family relations and child development from Oklahoma State University, where she graduated in 1977. Fallin ran for the 85th district of the Oklahoma House of Representatives after incumbent Mike Hunter announced his retirement in December 1989. She won the Republican primary in August and the general election in November. In 1992, she won re-election to a second term unopposed. She represented Oklahoma City in the House, and authored 16 bills that became law. In 1992, Oklahoma became one of the first five states in the nation to enact anti-stalking legislation when Fallin authored and introduced HB 2291, which made it illegal to stalk or harass people. In 1995, Fallin became the first woman and first Republican to be sworn in as lieutenant governor of Oklahoma, an office she would hold for 12 years. Fallin decided not to seek re-election to a fourth term as lieutenant governor. Instead, she decided to run in Oklahoma's 5th congressional district. In September 2009, Fallin announced her intention to run for governor and was elected in November 2010.

BELOW IS AN AMERICAN WOMAN TO WATCH OUT FOR..

FRANKLIN GRAHAM BLASTS CHELSEA CLINTON

Franklin Graham compared Chelsea Clinton's view that abortion should be kept safe and legal to Adolf Hitler "killing the Jews" in a Twitter rebuke of comments made by Chelsea Clinton.

At a recent event called Rise Up for Roe, Clinton claimed that women could only be in the work force because they have access to abortion. The event was created to advocate against the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Chelsea said, "It is not a disconnected fact ... that American women entering the labor force from 1973 to 2009 added three and a half trillion dollars to our economy. ... The net, new entrance of women — that is not disconnected from the fact that Roe became the law of the land in January of 1973."

Franklin Graham took to Twitter to smack down her twisted reasoning. He pointed out that murder contributing to economic growth is a disturbing and flawed rhetoric.

He wrote, "@ChelseaClinton, daughter of former President @BillClinton & @HillaryClinton, claims that legalizing abortion added trillions of dollars to the economy. What a lie. Hitler probably also claimed that killing the Jews would be good for their economy."

In a second tweet, he expounded on his argument: "Legalizing abortion hasn't added anything to our country, it has only taken away and cost this nation more than 60 million lives—lives precious to God. Think of the contribution they would've made. I believe God will judge America for allowing the murder of unborn children."

Afterward, Graham also offered a message of forgiveness. While recognizing the intrinsic evil of abortion, he acknowledged that through God forgiveness of all things is possible.



Legislative

UPDATE

By Lori Fayhee

Congratulations to newly elected, Amira Fox, State Attorney for the 20th Judicial Circuit, and Kathy Smith, Public Defender.

The 2018 Primary Election ballots were cast and counted on August 28, 2018 and we have all celebrated our victories and cursed our losses. Today we come together in unity to support our Republican Candidates moving forward to the General Election.

Please join me in supporting:

Rick Scott: U.S. Senate

Francis Rooney: U.S. House, District 19

Greg Steube: U.S. House, District 17

Ron DeSantis: Governor

Ashley Moody: Attorney General

Matt Caldwell: Commissioner of Agriculture

Jimmy Patronis: Chief Financial Officer

Ben Albritton: State Senate District 26

Ray Rodrigues: State Representative, District 76

Dane Eagle: State Representative, District 77

Heather Fitzenhagen: State Representative, District 78

Spencer Roach: State Representative, District 79

Congratulations to Amira Fox for winning her race for State Attorney.

While our State races are comprised of thoroughly vetted, true conservatives, our down-ballot races, which are so important to our community, are nonpartisan and more difficult to discern the Truly Conservative Candidate, regardless of how they are registered. In these races, conservative values can only be determined by the candidates' platform.

Of the School Board candidates who will be listed on your General Election ballot, Don Armstrong is the only true conservative registered Republican who opposes the half-penny sales tax referendum.

The following School Board candidates will move on to the November election:

District 4

Don Armstrong - Opposes the Sales Tax Referendum

Debbie Jordan - Supports the Sales Tax Referendum

District 5

Gwyn Gittens - Opposes the Sales Tax Referendum

Pamela LaRiviere - Supports the Sales Tax Referendum

District 6

Betsy Vaughn - Undeclared

Nicholas Alexander - Supports the Sales Tax Referendum

Please stay involved, informed, and vote wisely. Educate and encourage your friends to cast informed votes for Quality Conservative School Board Candidates. Of the 119,915 Lee County ballots cast, 22k voters left the ballot blank on the Lee County School Board races. Those 22k votes could have changed the face of the Lee County School Board and defeated any future sales tax imposed by the School Board.

Conservative Republican, Charles Dailey, was defeated by Pro-Sales Tax Democrat, Incumbant, Mary Fischer, by only 2,834 votes in the District 1 Lee County School Board race.

Our community and our students have much at stake in these races.

I would like to thank my supporters for your hard work and devotion in working for my School Board candidacy. Although my campaign was defeated by a small percentage in the runoff for the Lee County School Board Primary Election, we must continue to support Quality Conservative Candidates who will fight against increased taxes; ensure improvements in our Childrens' education; promote increased salary, benefits, and autonomy for our teachers and support staff; and Demand Transparency and Fiscal Accountability of our School Board and District.

Never stop. I promise you that I will never stop.



Parties galore! There were parties all around town for the winning candidates. Above is Amira Fox and her family at her campaign celebration held at Sanibel Harbor. For a full array of photos from this party...[CLICK HERE](#) or click on the photo above. Thanks to John Fernandez for all these wonderful photos. Congratulations to all the victors and appreciation to all those who campaigned so hard for so many months.



GUBANATORIAL CANDIDATE ADAM PUTNAM CAME TO HEADQUARTERS

Adam Putnam came to Fort Myers on August 1st to the Republican Headquarters to spend time with all who showed up. He talked about what he planned to do if elected as our next governor and then took questions from the group. Afterward, he stayed around to talk one on one with people. He brought his family with him.

There was a nice turnout and everyone had a good time. Refreshments were served along with a birthday cake to celebrate Adam's birthday.

Left is a photo of Lori Fayhee, candidate for School Board, District 6 with Adam and his lovely wife. Adam discussed at length his priorities for our schools which was of great interest to Lori.

**OH MY!!!
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TRUMP JUST DID!!
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THE PREVIOUS MONTH IN PICTURES



Sisters!!! Doris Cortese, President LRWF and Vice Chair of LCREC with her sister Marj Tyrer, Secretary of LRWF.



Amira Fox, Candidate for State Attorney with her son Drew.



Lori Fayhee, Candidate at Large for Lee County School Board along with Linda Doggett, Clerk of Courts and Ruth Rodrigues, wife of Ray Rodrigues.



Roz Lesser LRWF Assistant Treasurer with Ray Rodrigues, Florida State Majority Leader of the House of Representatives



Standing is Chris Wappes, LRWF member with a new guest Ilsa Schultze. Having a great time!



Left to right...Mary Waller, President Naples Women's Republican Club, Amira Fox, Pricilla Grannis



*Noreen Wiley...LRWF member and just a happy lady!
What a pretty smile!*



*Mary Snyder, LRWF Newsletter Editor and Social Media Chair
with Lori Fayhee, LRWF Legislation Chair and candidate at
large for Lee County School Board*



Left to right is our panel from the last meeting. Linda Dogget, Clerk of Courts, Amira Fox, Assistant State Attorney, LRWF 2nd Vice President and Candidate for State Attorney, Kathy Smith, Public Defender, Heather Fitzenhagen, Florida State Congresswoman and Ruth Rodrigues, wife of Ray Rodrigues and member LRWF. All were part of a panel discussing what it is like to be a woman in politics! Ruth explained her role as the wife of a congressman.

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