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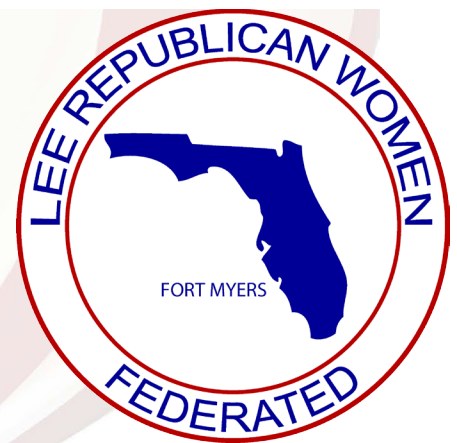
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*Drew Steele  
Radio Host 92.5 FM*

Drew Steele can be found every morning on 92.5 FM and he brings a fresh conservative view to us each and every day. Drew hosted the early morning show Daybreak from 2012 and still hosts it today. Recently he went to Vietnam to cover the President at the Hanoi Summit. Make sure you make a reservation so you can hear him talk and ask him lots of questions.

## OUR PRESIDENT...HIS LOVE FOR US AND OUR COUNTRY!



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"If I were a liberal Democrat, people would say I'm the super genius of all time... If you're a conservative Republican, you've got to fight for your life. It's really an amazing thing."  
Donald Trump*

## JOIN US!

The next meeting of LRWF is March 1th at Pincher's Restaurant. at the Marina, in Fort Myers at 2360 West First Street. Our speaker will be Drew Steele, radio show host of the Drew Steele show on 92.5 FM.

The menu choices are:

1. Classic Caesar's Salad with Shrimp
2. Turkey Club on a Croissant
3. Plain Caesar's Salad

*Doors open at 11:00 AM*

*Social hour begins at 11:15 AM  
with lunch following*

Reservation Deadline is Thursday, March 7th at noon. Reservations after the deadline will be provided a Plain Caesar Salad only.

For reservations call or text Ashley Winstel at 602-708-8663 or email [acwinstel@gmail.com](mailto:acwinstel@gmail.com)

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

## NEXT MONTH... The Fashion Show



## NEWSLETTER OF LEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED

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

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



*Kerri Tonkin, LRWF President*

Hello Beautiful Ladies and Gents, Wow...can you believe it is March already? I am sorry to be missing you all at the March meeting. I will be in Tallahassee participating in the Florida Federation of Republican Women red coat day and semi-annual meeting. I hope to be able to stop in and wish all our Representatives and Senators our best from LRWF.

We are in the final stages of preparation for our largest fund raiser...our spring fashion show. This promises to be a fun filled luncheon with beautiful bags to bid on and speciality baskets of all kinds to try and win. There will be a few other fun items again this year like a boat cruise with lunch for four. I truly hope all our members will participate as this is the one way we fund our community involvement.

Our museum continues to improve with many new additions and if you have not visited please contact me or Doris Cortese and we can schedule a tour for you. We have the only operating Republican museum in the country. Just let that sink in for a minute. Not one other state has an operating museum dedicated to the history of the party of Lincoln and

Reagan. We are reaching out to charter and private schools to offer tours. As we learned when K. Carl Smith spoke to us for far too long too many have been telling our story of who we are as Republicans and have been telling it wrong.

Our scholarship application is on our web page. We give \$1000 a year to a young woman going into public affairs. Kathy McMichael, Lori Fayhee and Doris Cortese are the committee members, please contact them if you have any questions.

On the National level our President Trump has been meeting with the leader of North Korea trying to disarm a madman and trying to find the money to protect our borders while our Congress voted against our President on his declaration of emergency for the border. In addition, they are holding hearings trying to discredit him. I know many of you have called and expressed dismay over these actions and I urge you to write or call their offices. We are a Republic and we vote in people who are to represent our views and when they don't we need to let them know.

I will see you all in April if not sooner. Blessings Kerri

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## SECURING OUR BORDERS AND FIXING OUR IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

*By Congressman Francis Rooney*

The humanitarian crisis and national security concerns on our southern border are issues, along with the bigger picture of immigration, that must be immediately addressed. In the 115th Congress, I introduced legislation to tighten our border security, move to skill-based immigration, and reform our loose and often abused asylum process. I will be re-introducing these in the 116th Congress.

I believe in legal, regulated, and appropriate levels of immigration. America has a history of welcoming legal immigrants that integrate into our nation and build families, create businesses, and prosper as members of our communities. We need them to grow our economy and offset low domestic birthrates.

Conversely, illegal immigration is a threat to our national security and sovereignty. Some 40-50% of the people in the U.S. illegally today are individuals who have entered legally and overstayed their visas. We are sadly lacking adequate visa enforcement.

We need to secure our border and control who enters and leaves, which is a fundamental responsibility of every sovereign nation. We know that a combination of wall, personnel and technology has led to a reduction in illegal border crossings. In San Diego, apprehensions of people illegally crossing the border have declined by 92% in the last 23 years. In Tucson, they have declined by 90% in the last 15 years and in Yuma, over 95% over 9 years. Democrats in both the House and Senate have voted for versions of these measures at least four times in the last 11 years, so why not now? Political posturing. It is time to put political machinations aside and solve our immigration problem.

I am working to accomplish the goals of securing our border and reforming our visa system. While it is critical that we secure and enforce our land borders, our air border is a significant risk as well. Congress must also address the asylum process, as many illegal immigrants have used asylum applications without merit as a stalling tactic to delay possible deportation. The previous Administration turned a blind eye to these issues leaving our country with a large number of individuals that we do not know their intent of coming to our country, as well as taking opportunity away from those that do follow the rules. Illegal aliens who commit crimes in the U.S. should be deported immediately. Sanctuary cities, which provide safe havens for criminal aliens by failing to enforce immigration laws, need to be eliminated.

I am committed to strengthening our borders. I have joined the Border Security Caucus and have co-sponsored several pieces of legislation that will help deport criminal aliens and protect American families from harm.



*Francis Rooney  
US House of Representatives*

# Legislative UPDATE

By Lori Fayhee

Lee County experienced a drastic increase of students arrested for making school threats in the early months of this year. The media outlets released the names and photographs of some minors as young as 12-years-old who were charged with a felony count of making a written threat to kill or injure. Many have questioned why the release of a minor's information is allowed following a child's arrest - not conviction - and the prudence of the media giving recognition to a child who may be acting out for attention. A felony arrest is an unredacted record and the media uses their prerogative to release information or not. This uptick in threats coincides with the anniversary of the Parkland mass shooting.

February 14th marked the one year anniversary of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School massacre, where a troubled former student opened fire on the school killing 17 people and injuring 14, in 2018. At a press conference the following day, the FBI confirmed that they were alerted six months prior when the shooter posted a comment stating, "I'm going to be a professional school shooter" on his social media video site.

Less than a month following the shooting, SB 7026, was passed into Florida law in an effort to improve school safety and prevent future school shootings. This packed bill included tighter gun control laws; funds for mental health assistance in schools and for the hardening security of school buildings; as well protocols for school threat assessment teams and an amendment to Florida statute on what constitutes a threat to include: 'or any person who makes, posts, or transmits a threat in a writing or other record, including an electronic record, to conduct a mass shooting or an act of terrorism, in any manner that would allow another person to view the threat, commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.'

As a result, Lee County School District (LCSD), working with law enforcement, initiated the 'Fake Threats, Real Consequences' zero tolerance campaign. Stating on their website:

'Making a fake threat of violence is a criminal act that can land you in prison. It doesn't matter if you say it, text it, write it, snap it or post it on social media, students who make threats can face serious consequences. Even if it was meant to be a joke, calling in a fake threat of violence is a state crime in Florida, as well as a federal crime.'

'A violation of Florida Statutes section 790.163 or 790.164 is a second-degree felony which is punishable with up to 15 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Adjudication cannot be withheld for this crime which means job hunting will become difficult. When you fill out job applications asking if you have ever been convicted of a crime, you will have to answer yes.' During the February 12th LCSD Board of Education (BOE) briefing meeting, Head of security, Rick Parfitt, stated that Lee schools had received 20 threats since winter break, that had resulted in 5 arrests. He stated that when a written threat is found, they are required to have law enforcement look at it and investigate. Parfitt informed board members that the district is still finishing installing video buzzer system entrances on all the schools and hoped to have those finished this year. At this same briefing meeting, the Board gave consensus to Board Attorney Dodig to officially request opinion of the Attorney General's office for opinion regarding law on armed off duty police, other than School Resource Officers (SRO), on school grounds. This concern was raised at an October briefing meeting when then Chair, Cathleen Morgan, asked for Board member Giovanelli's husband, a uniformed police officer, to be removed from the board room, claiming that school policy 'states only School Resource Officers can carry guns at meetings.'

SB 1804 (passed in 2018) goes into effect on July 1, 2019 and will require the Lee County School Board to fill the position of School Board Auditor. The internal auditor shall prepare audit reports of his/her findings and report directly to the district school board. This bill also requires that an individual school board member may request and shall receive any proposed, tentative, and official budget documents, including all supporting and background information.

The School Board policy currently allows the board to hire three employees; Board Attorney, Superintendent, and Board Auditor, which has been vacant since 2007. According to SB 1804, the duties of the internal auditor will include oversight of every functional and program area of the school system and will perform ongoing financial verification of the financial records of the school district, a comprehensive risk assessment of all areas of the school system every 5 years, and other audits and reviews as the district school board directs for determining the adequacy of internal controls designed to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse; compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, district school board-approved policies, and best practices; the efficiency of operations; the reliability of financial records and reports; the safeguarding of assets; financial solvency; projected revenues and expenditures; and the rate of change in the general fund balance. A workshop on NEOLA and School Board Auditor are scheduled for 2pm, February 26, 2019, with Board Action meeting following at 6pm.

*Legislative Update continued on next page...*

*Legislative Update continued...*

**Following, are a sampling of a few of the bills currently sponsored or cosponsored by our local delegation:**

HB 73 High School Graduation Requirements, by Fetterhoff and Fitzenhagen, revises requirements for Next Generation Sunshine State Standards to include financial literacy; revises required credits for standard high school diploma to include one-half credit of instruction in personal financial literacy & money management & seven & one-half, rather than eight, credits in electives.

HB 245 School Health Immunizations, by Heather Fitzenhagen, revises child immunization requirements to include vaccine for human papillomavirus (HPV). The CDC recommends children 11-12 years of age to receive 2 vaccinations for this sexually transmitted virus.

HB 3957 Cape Coral Public Safety Gun Range, Appropriations Project by Dane Eagle, provides an appropriation for the Cape Coral Public Safety Gun Range.

HB 6045, Low-income Affordable Tax Incentives, by Spencer Roach, removes provision requiring a specified number of units to be provided for affordable housing eligibility for ad valorem tax reduction.

HB 421, Proceedings Related to Children, by Spencer Roach, bill will expedite the process of getting eligible foster children into permanent families.

HB 407, Public Records, by Ray Rodrigues, ensures that government cannot sue an individual for filing a public records request.

HB 7015, Medical Use of Marijuana, General Bill by Health & Human Services Committee and Rodrigues, authorizes smoking as route of administration of medical marijuana for qualified patient, other than terminally ill patient, under certain circumstances; prohibits such route of administration for qualified patient under 18 years; requires certain medical marijuana treatment certs to comply with certain standards in production & packaging of marijuana in form for smoking; renames Coalition for Medical Marijuana Research & Education as Consortium for Medical Marijuana Clinical Outcomes Research; establishes consortium within UF consisting of public and private universities.

SB 258 Genetic Information Used for Insurance Purposes, General Bill by Bean, Co-introducer Benacquisto, prohibiting life insurers and long-term care insurers, except under certain circumstances, from canceling, limiting, or denying coverage, or establishing differentials in premium rates, based on genetic information; prohibiting such insurers from taking certain actions relating to genetic information for any insurance purpose, etc.

SB 72: Alligator Alley Toll Road, General Bill by Passidomo, requiring specified fees to be used indefinitely, instead of temporarily, to reimburse a local governmental entity for the direct actual costs of operating a specified fire station, etc.

SB 76: Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving, General Bill by Simpson ; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Passidomo ; Hooper ; Mayfield ; Book ; Rouson ; Berman ; Perry, creating the "Florida Ban on Wireless Communications Devices While Driving Law"; prohibiting a person from operating a motor vehicle while listening or talking on a wireless communications device for the purpose of voice interpersonal communication; deleting a provision requiring that enforcement of this section be accomplished only as a secondary action, etc.



**HAMZA BIN LADEN**

The son of the late Osama Bin Laden has emerged as the leader of Al-Qa'ida. He has released audio and visual images calling for his followers and all Al-Qa'ida supporters to wage attacks on the United States and its Western allies.

The United States Government is offering up to one million dollars for information regarding Hamza Bin Laden. Absolute confidentiality is assured and re-location is being offered if needed.

If you have information, go to the nearest US embassy or consulate or go to [info@rewardsforjustice.net](mailto:info@rewardsforjustice.net).

**2019 LRWF Meeting Dates and Times**

March 11: Luncheon 11:15 AM

April 8: Fashion Show, Forrest Country Club 11:15 AM

May 13: Luncheon 11:15 AM

June 10: Dinner 5:15 PM

July 8: Luncheon 11:15 AM

August 12: Dinner 5:15 PM

September 9: Luncheon 11:15 AM

October 14: Dinner 5:15 PM

November 11: Luncheon 11:15 AM

December 9: Dinner 5:15 PM

# SPRING FASHION SHOW

## *Glorious Babes, Bags and Baskets on Parade*

APRIL 2019



*Glorious Babes, Bags and Baskets on Parade*

Ladies,

Our spring fashion show is going to be here before we know it. Please bring any designer bags, gently used scarves and jewelry to our February 11, 2019 luncheon at Pinchers.

The fashion show is scheduled for April 8, 2019 at the Forrest Country Club. It promises to be a fun filled spring fashion show with Razzle Dazzle hosting. But we need your help, so please donate any designer bags you are no longer using.

We are also going to be doing theme baskets again, so if you feel the urge to be creative and donate a basket for our fundraiser please contact me and get on the list.

Thank you in advance,  
Kerri



Ladies,

Book Chat will meet at Mel's Diner on March 6, from 1:00-3:00. We are reading Newt Gingrich's novel, *Treason*. It is a story of a nation fighting for its life, not only against outside threats, but against an internal threat - a fanatical jihadist who uses liberty as a shield while trying to destroy the civilization created in its image. Major Grant's deadly

chess match is with the world's master terrorist known as Falcon. Falcon has infiltrated Washington's highest corridor of power, threatening the very existence of our democracy. Major Brooke Grant has been waging against terrorism since her parents were murdered during 9/11. She is keenly aware that her enemy transcends borders. A coordinated attack on the president at the funeral of a Washington power broker leads her to a terrifying revelation: the enemy is closer than she imagined and is hiding in plain sight. The Falcon has gained a weapon no terrorist has ever wielded before: an American-born traitor burrowed inside the U.S. government itself. Falcon issues a fatwa against her and those she loves. Can she unmask the traitor and stop the Falcon's most skilled assassin sent to kill her before he strikes? Or, will she fall victim to betrayal by a false friend in this gripping tale of treachery, courage, and ultimately patriotism where good battles evil? You will only find the answers by reading this gripping novel. We will discuss this book and reveal the answers to these questions on March 6.

Please join us for a nice lunch and welcome discussion. We look forward to seeing you. If you would like to come share your thoughts with us, please let me know so we can plan accordingly.

Hope to see you March 6,

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**New Member Orientation and Movie Night has been set for  
Monday evening, March 25th at 5:00  
at Republican Headquarters and Museum.**

Special invitations will be sent for this event to all new members!

To order name tags (\$10) or for questions of any kind...

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*My Opinion  
By Mary Snyder*

## PRESIDENT TRUMP...RACIST...OR WAS IT OBAMA?

I am really tired of people calling President Trump a racist. I have never seen him do or say one thing that is racist. In fact, I see quite the opposite. I see in President Trump, a man who cares and loves more than any president in my lifetime. As much as I loved President Reagan, he didn't do a fraction of the good that President Trump has done and will continue to do.

We need to take a look at the record. The record shows that President Trump has done much for blacks. First of all, President Trump has brought unemployment for blacks to an all time low. That's just for starters. In addition to that, Poverty rates for African Americans have reached their lowest levels ever recorded. President

Trump is also promotig private investment in 'opportunity zones' in more than 8,700 distressed communities across the U.S. which aims to bring prosperity to many poor neighborhoods where many blacks are currently living. And finally, President Trump signed a Prison Reform bill that will allow thousands of prisoners to be released from prison early and will give many blacks who are re-entering society a higher success rate so they do not return to prison again.

The President did say that there were criminals among the immigrants coming into the country illegally. Well...that turns out to be true. While the President never said that all immigrants were criminals, it is true that there are many criminals among the illegal immigrants. There are human traffickers, drug smugglers, rapists, etc. And those criminals are in much higher numbers than we care to think about. In fact, many legal immigrants are more upset about the illegals than those of us who were born here. Many of the Hispanics are upset because the illegals are giving them a bad name.

So what is all of this about? Why are people calling President Trump a racist? Any rational person knows that it is all political. What they might not know is that President Obama was the real racist.

While speaking at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation dinner in Sept. 2014, Obama not only blamed police for black community mistrust, but also proclaimed that "most Americans" think the country is racist. The speech came not long after the death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., and inspired violent race riots. Police desperately needed the support of the president at the time, but instead he chastised them.

When Trayvon Martin was shot, Obama said, "If I had a son, he'd have looked like Trayvon." That was an effort to make whites feel guilty...as if they had done something wrong. It also made the blacks angrier at whites.

President Barack Obama was the most divisive president in decades. In a radio interview with Univision in Oct. 2010, Obama urged Latino voters to "punish [their] enemies" and "reward [their] friends who stand with [them]." This promoted divisiveness...if someone doesn't agree with you...they are your enemies.

In 2015, Barack Hussein Obama at the White House Easter prayer breakfast attacked Christians. He said, "On Easter, I do reflect on the fact that, as a Christian, I am supposed to love. And I have to say that sometimes, when I listen to less than loving expressions by Christians, I get concerned. But that's a topic for another day." He did not mention the massacre of Christian students by Islamic extremists at a university in Kenya a few days before.

While on the campaign trail in 2008, Obama said that his white grandmother "once confessed her fear of black men who passed by her on the street." He then said, "...she is a typical white person, who, if she sees somebody on the street that she doesn't know there's a reaction that's been bred into our experiences that don't go away and that sometimes come out in the wrong way and that's just the nature of race in our society." What he was saying is that all white people are racists.

Obama often invited leaders of the militant Black Lives Matter movement to the White House. After five Dallas police officers were murdered at a BLM demonstration in July 2016, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said, "I would not describe the White House as concerned about these protests. They're exercising their freedom of speech, they're exercising their freedom of assembly. That's a good thing. That's a good start."

He constantly downplayed radical Islamic terrorism. After Tashfeen Malik and Syed Farook, who both had ties to ISIS, killed 14 people at an office Christmas party in San Bernardino, Calif., Obama urged the public not to jump to the conclusion that it was terrorism just because the perpetrators were Muslim. "It is possible that this was terrorist-related, but we don't know. It's also possible that this was workplace-related." However, in the cases of the deaths of Michael Brown, Trayvon Martin, Freddie Gray, and others, Obama was quick to immediately (and incorrectly) jump to racism.

Racism has increased drastically since Obama came into office. Racism does exist, but it certainly isn't coming through President Trump. We are still feeling the effects of the damage done by Obama. It is so sad and so many have been fooled! God Help us all.



## THE HYPOCRISY OF NANCY PELOSI

By Mary Snyder

The hypocrisy of the left is absolutely amazing and Nancy Pelosi is one of the most hypocritical of all. Nancy Pelosi says that walls are immoral, yet look at her mansion in California...walls are all around.

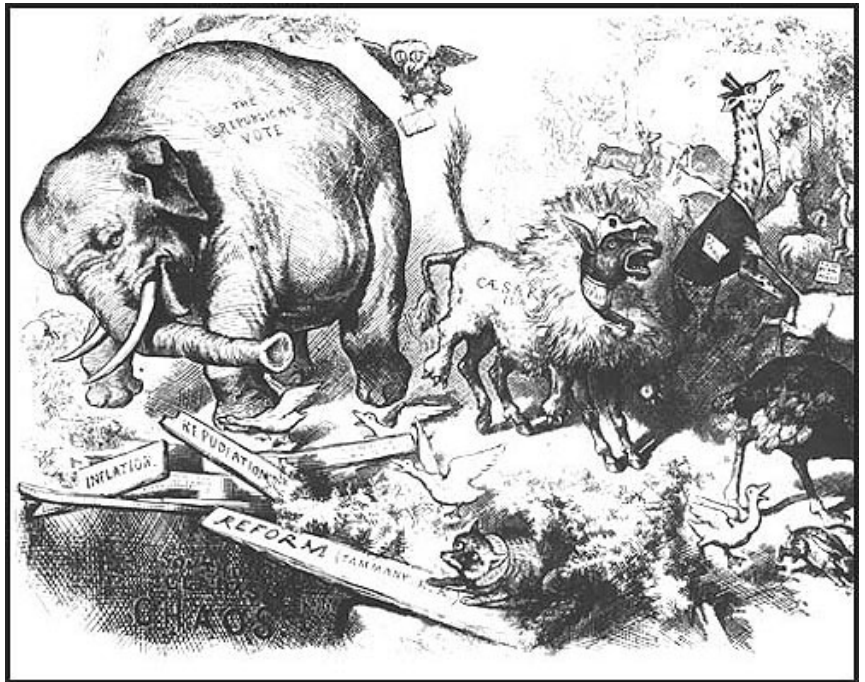
President Trump has walls too, but he admits it and says that walls protect people and that is why he has walls around his homes. Our beloved president wants to protect us as he does his own family.

Nancy wants to protect Nancy and wants the rest of us to live in danger just because she doesn't want our president to win any points with the people in lieu of the next election.

President Trump is NOT a racist. He is a caring person. He is looking out for us. Nancy is looking out for Nancy.

## WHY THE ELEPHANT?

The Republican Party was formed in 1854 and six years later Abraham Lincoln became its first member elected to the White House. An image of an elephant was featured as a Republican symbol in at least one political cartoon and a newspaper illustration during the Civil War (when "seeing the elephant" was an expression used by soldiers to mean experiencing combat), but the pachyderm didn't start to take hold as a GOP symbol until Thomas Nast, who's considered the father of the modern political cartoon, used it in an 1874 Harper's Weekly cartoon. Titled "The Third-Term Panic," Nast's drawing mocked the New York Herald, which had been critical of President Ulysses Grant's rumored bid for a third term, and portrayed various interest groups as animals, including an elephant labeled "the Republican vote," which was shown standing at the edge of a pit. Nast employed the elephant to represent Republicans in additional cartoons during the 1870s, and by 1880 other cartoonists were using the creature to symbolize the party.



### Thomas Nast - Cartoonist

Thomas Nast was a German-born American caricaturist and editorial cartoonist considered to be the "Father of the American Cartoon". He was the scourge of Democratic Representative "Boss" Tweed and the Tammany Hall Democratic party political machine. Among his notable works were the creation of the modern version of Santa Claus and the political symbol of the elephant for the Republican Party. Contrary to popular belief, Nast did not create Uncle Sam, Columbia, or the Democratic donkey, though he did popularize these symbols through his artwork. Nast was associated with the magazine Harper's Weekly from 1859 to 1860 and from 1862 until 1886.

(Taken from Wikipedia)





## Americanism By Germaine Hyatt

### Ulysses S. Grant

Apr. 27, 1822 - Jul. 23, 1885



Ulysses S. Grant  
2nd Republican President

When we count Presidents we know that we have had 44\* who have held office. But it was not until Lincoln was elected did we have a Republican\*. While Ulysses S. Grant was the 18th President of the United States he was but the second Republican.

Born Hiram U Grant April 27, 1822 his named was changed due to a NY Congressman, Thomas Hamer, who nominated him to West Point Academy, confusing his name with that of his mother's maiden name Simpson. Thus his middle name Ulysses and S for Simpson became Grant's name.

Grant was a more successful Union soldier than President, in March 1864 having been appointed by Lincoln as General in Chief he led several of the pivotal battles of the Civil War. Notably Shiloh, Vicksburg, Chattanooga and North Virginia. When he became President he worked for the reconstruction of the country and to reconcile the North and the South. He was the first to win the Presidency by the popular vote. His smoking of 20 cigars a day led to his having throat cancer from which he died on July 23, 1885.

\$600,000 was donated from people worldwide for the construction of Grant's Tomb in NYC. General Grant National Memorial is America's largest mausoleum dedicated 1897.

\*President Grover Cleveland served two nonconsecutive terms, giving us 45 in count.

\*Republican Party established in 1854.

## Outreach Unlimited...

*With Mary Snyder*

It is vital that we ALL learn to reach out as 2020 is right around the corner, and we need everyone to get on board...to reach out. I would like to expound this month on one main thing that KCarl said that changed him from a Democrat to a Republican. First of all, he had been a Democrat his entire life...because his parents were Democrats and he felt that the Democratic party was the only party that cared for the black people.

KCarl was like many black people in that he voted as his family had always voted, but one day he woke up and started reviewing his political position when he realized that Frederick Douglass was a Republican. Frederick Douglass was born a slave in 1818 and remained a slave until he escaped slavery and became an American social reformer, abolitionist, orator, writer, and statesman. Frederick Douglass fought against slavery and became an icon for all blacks. Why would this black hero be a Republican? Well, there were many reasons, but for this article, I will zero in on one main reason. Frederick Douglass was a Republican, but he was also a religious man. He had great faith and lived by the Bible. The Bible teaches freedom, respect for life and many of the principals of the Republican party.

KCarl finally realized that he was going to church, reading his Bible and claiming to be a Christian, but when he went to the polls, he did not vote his faith...or his principals. When he voted, he completely abandoned his faith and voted for people who were not upholding Biblical principals. KCarl realized that every time he voted, he was spitting in the face of God.

The next time that you talk to one of your Democratic friends of faith, whether they are black, white, yellow or brown...ask them how they can vote for a party that believes in abortion up to and after birth. How could they vote for a party that does not believe in freedom and is leaning toward socialism. How can they vote for anyone in a party that completely ignores the principles of the Bible and commandments of faith. How can they spit in the face of God?

THE MONTH IN PICTURES - LINCOLN REAGAN DINNER



OUR LEADERS...

Jonathan Martin, top, Chair of LCREC  
Kerri Tonkin, left President LRWF  
Missi Lastra, right, President RWCCF  
(with their spouses and Matt Gaetz)



Dane Eagle, State House Majority  
Leader with Brooke Iwanski



Jenna Persons and Spencer Roach,  
State Congressman



Your "Friendly Neighborhood Tax  
Collector", Larry Hart with our new  
Sheriff, Carmine Marceno

## THE MONTH IN PICTURES - FEBRUARY DINNER



*Donna Clarke, Vice Chair of the Lee Health Board, Dr. Carl Baxter, a new associate member and Nancy McGovern, also of the Lee Health Board*



*Chris Wappes, LRWF Treasirer with Betty Baxter.*



*Elaine Green joined us with a pretty smile!*



*The Rerservation Ladies...Ashley Winstel and Mary Ann Hansen*



*Karen and Jim Lang recently became new members and joined us for KCar!!*



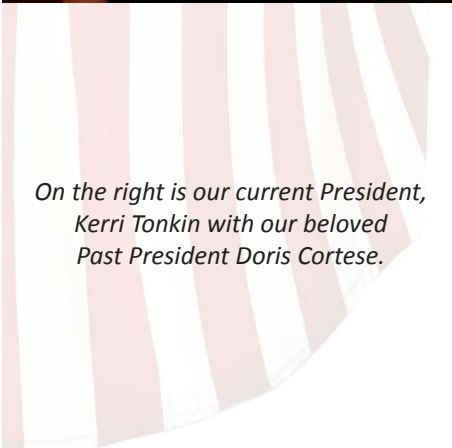
*Germaine Hyatt, Americanism Chair and  
Peg Love, Membership Chair.*



*Dr. Carl Baxter and KCarl Smith, our guest speaker*



*On the left is Jenna Persons, Candidate for  
State House of Representatives and  
County Commissioner, Brian Hammon*



*On the right is our current President,  
Kerri Tonkin with our beloved  
Past President Doris Cortese.*





*Left to right..Stephanie Edwards, Director of Development and Community for Community Cooperative, Amira Fox, State Attorney, Lili Canfield, Community Relations Director for the State Attorney Office and Lori Fayhee, LRWF 1st Vice Presidet.*



*KCarl Smith tells us how to win blacks...and others to the conservative values!*



*Wally Cortese with his pinocle partner, John Snyder... husbands to Doris Cortese and Mary Snyder*

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