



West Charlotte County Republican Club



“One Nation Under God”

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3436 Indiana Road,
Rotonda West , FL 33946
3rd Tuesday each month
Cash Bar 6:00 to 6:30 PM
Dinner & Meeting 6:30 PM**

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President’s Message, Ray Corcoran

Dear Fellows Republicans,

I would like to share with you a piece of information I have just received. I did not know this and want you to know this too. It is about how “Taps” originated, the song that gives us a lump in our throats, and usually tears in our eyes. Here is the story behind the song.

Reportedly it all began in 1862 during the civil war when union army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison’s landing in Virginia. The confederate army was on the other side of the narrow slip of land.

During the night the Captain heard the moans of a soldier lying wounded on the field. Not knowing whether it was a union or confederate soldier the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach under gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him towards his encampment. When he reached his own lines he discovered it was a confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and in the dim light saw the face of the soldier. It was his son. The boy had been studying music in the south when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

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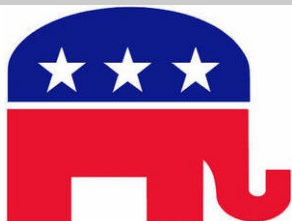
Spotlight on a Republican Club business supporter:

We have two new supporters in this issue.

Everyone knows Ken Roberson our State Representative, who is running for reelection in District 71 and Paul Andrews has also placed an ad to support our club and we hope you take time to think of him in your property management and real estate needs.

Both are true Republicans and deserve your business and support!

Please see Ken’s ad on page 3 and Paul’s ad on page 7. We thank them for their support of the WCCRC!



★ **Membership Drive, Special Deal for membership meetings.** ★

★ We are currently starting a membership drive, and we have a special offer to ★

★ our members: If you bring in a new member (someone or a family that has ★

★ not been a member in the past) **You and the new member eat for free!** ★

★ This is limited to one meal for the current member and one meal for the new ★

★ member. If you have 2 in your party and 2 in the new member party only a ★

★ total of 2 get to eat for free out of the 4. This is a 50 to 100% meal discount ★

★ based on the number in the party. ★

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★ The new member will need to pay for the membership on the meeting night ★

★ and then be vetted by the board to make it final but by bringing in the new ★

★ member they enjoy an evening with fellow Republicans and a great guest ★

★ speaker for free. **Sign up your Republican friends and get a free dinner!** ★

President's Message (cont)

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission from his superiors to give his son a full military burial despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down as the soldier was a Confederate. But out of respect for the father they did say that they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes that he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted. The haunting melody that we now know as "Taps" used at military funerals was born.

Ray Corcoran, President

Program for May Meeting

This month we will be diving into the local political waters with our 1st of two commission races. Our May meeting will feature the candidates from Charlotte County Commission District 4, Commissioner Richard Loftus and challenger Stephen R. Deutsch. Both candidates will be speaking on the issues that will be facing Charlotte County in the future and how they believe they can help make a difference.

The format will be,

5 min introduction for each candidate

15 min question and answer session, with the questions coming from the audience

5 min closing from the candidates

We will determine the order based on a coin flip and whoever is the 1st person to speak for the introduction will be the last person to speak for the closing.

If you would like to submit a question prior to the meeting, feel free to email me at dougan-dami@comcast.net and it will be asked based on the order it was received.

We hope to see you there for this opportunity to meet the candidates, and THE next Commissioner for District 4



**Remember
9/11!**



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**THE WEST CHARLOTTE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUB
INVITES YOU
TO COME TO OUR BEACH PARTY**



Date: June 12, 2010
Time: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Location: Englewood Gardens Club
2560 North Beach Road
Englewood, FL

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Cost: \$5.00 p/p will get you food, dessert, beer,
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A NATION IN CRISIS

By Peter J. Watson
WCCRC Newsletter Editor

In just the short space of a month, many troubling events have occurred in America, and the world, which have far reaching economic and political impact on our daily lives.

Government workers and labor unions are rioting in the streets of Greece because a failed socialist society has resulted in intractable government insolvency, even while our own U.S. Government pursues a spending and entitlement plan that is virtually unsustainable. The Obama regime is blatantly socialist oriented, and is also supported by big labor, namely the S.E.I.U., the N.E.A., and other large labor unions.

The state of Arizona found it necessary to enact a law making it possible for their state and local police organizations to enforce existing Federal Laws pertaining to illegal immigration and drug trafficking that has resulted from a gang war being fought on their border with Mexico.

The city of Nashville, Tennessee has been inundated with floodwaters of historical proportions, resulting in the disruption of the lives of tens of thousands of residents, untold economic and physical damage to property, and the loss of many lives. This flood is estimated to be the largest natural disaster of it's kind ever to happen in the U.S. not related to a major hurricane. And yet, it has received about 15 minutes of news coverage, and no public outcry for assistance as was seen during the flooding of New Orleans.

The deep water drilling rig "B.P. Horizon" blew up and sank in the Gulf of Mexico, taking eleven lives, and resulting in an oil well blowout that is continuing to spew thousands of barrels of crude oil into the sea, and onto our beaches. The immediate response from the Obama regime was to assemble a team of lawyers to place the blame on B.P., and denounce offshore drilling as unsafe, and to declare opposition to future offshore drilling.

Meanwhile, another Muslim Jihadist makes a bumbling attempt to set off a car bomb in the middle of Times Square in New York City. The F.B.I. managed to I.D. the suspect only because of information supplied by a street vendor, and the fact that the vehicle in question was registered to the terrorist. Apparently, the 13 trips that the terrorist made to Pakistan for training with the Taliban were insufficient to set off any alarm bells.

And, lately, the stock market mysteriously crashes while Congress is debating some sort of Financial Reform Bill that would allow for a takeover of Wall Street investment banking firms by the Obama regime. Senator Christopher Dodd of Connecticut has already gone on record as saying that "It might not have happened if we had passed the Finance Reform Bill". Really?

In quoting Ron Emanuel, the White House Chief of Thugs, er.... Staff: "Never let a crisis go to waste"

Frankly, I'm somewhat overwhelmed at this point, and am not looking forward to what further crises might happen between now and the elections in November. Those elections might be the last chance we ever have to regain control of our Republic, and expunge the socialists from Congress.

A CONFEDERACY OF FOOLS

The danger to America is not Barack Obama but a citizenry capable of entrusting a man like him with the presidency. It will be easier to limit and undo the follies of an Obama presidency than to restore the necessary common sense and good judgment to a depraved electorate willing to have such a man for their president. The problem is much deeper and far more serious than Mr. Obama, who is a mere symptom of what ails us. Blaming the prince of the fools should not blind anyone to the vast confederacy of fools who made him their prince. The republic can survive a Barack Obama, who is, after all, merely a fool. It is less likely to survive a multitude of fools such as those who made him their president.”



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Visit our facebook page.

Just go to Facebook.com and search for West Charlotte County Republican Club. This site was created by our First Vice President Doug Tucker who also does the maintenance and updates. — Thanks Doug!

**THE REPUBLICAN CLUB OF SOUTH SARASOTA COUNTY
FIRST ANNUAL REAGAN DAY DINNER**

Saturday, May 22nd, 2010

B.P.O.E. ELKS Lodge – 401 North Indiana Ave., Englewood, FL 34223

Cocktails at 5pm – Dinner at 6pm

Please choose one: 10 oz. Prime Rib or Grouper Supreme

Tickets: \$30 per person

All Republicans are invited to attend.

RSVP: wmoult@comcast.net



“America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves. “

Abraham Lincoln

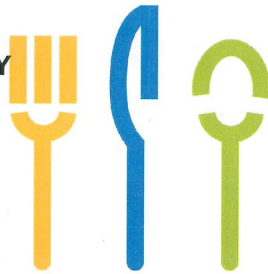


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Social Hour

6:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Dinner Meeting

6:30 PM Cost \$12

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR
RESERVATIONS BY
May 16th.**

Menu for May 18th, 2010

The dinner choices are Chef's Salad,
Roast Turkey with Stuffing or Fried
Shrimp. The desert is Apple Pie.

Please contact Denny Curtis at
(941) 681-0726 or email him at
dcurtis@ewol.com

Just let Denny know the preferred choice of
dinner and the number in your party.

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CRIME SCENE

Ken Kleinlein

Watch out for income tax scammers

Be wary of tax related scams as the deadline for submitting your federal income tax draws near. Some preparers without proper training deliberately mislead people as to their credibility.

Schemes, including identity theft and blatant fraud, are common. To avoid being scammed by a non legitimate tax preparer, consumers should request the credentials of tax preparers and ask if they belong to a state board or bar association that requires receiving continuing education. Ask if the business is open year round. Temporary employees or businesses should raise a red flag.

When choosing a tax preparer, ask about service fees and avoid those who claim they can obtain larger refunds than anyone else. Be very wary when taking out "Refund Anticipation Loans," as the fees will still be required even if the loan is not approved. The processing time for electronic filing is usually ten days and the refund is almost always directly deposited into the consumer's bank account at no cost. You should not feel pressured to pay extra fees to someone who claims they can get refunds faster. Ask whether the use of their refund anticipation loan for a few days would be worth fees that may equate up to 180 percent APR.

Shop around for quotes and ask the tax preparer if they will represent you if you are audited, or pay any audit related fees. Only attorneys, certified public accountants, and enrolled agents can represent taxpayers before the IRS in matters including audits, collections, and appeals. A common fraud associated with tax season is "phishing," which can occur when thieves posing as Internal Revenue Service Agents send e-mails seeking personal information allegedly for the purpose of processing refunds. The e-mails are usually created to look official and may include subject lines that read "Refund Notice" or other misleading phrases. The IRS does not send emails asking for personal information to process refunds.

You can visit the agency's Web site at www.IRS.gov and click on "Where's My Refund" to check on the status of your refund. Another scheme during tax season is fraudulent charities who contact you seeking contributions they claim can be written off as tax deductible, and Social Security refund scams which are based on offers of social security tax refunds, even though no such refunds exist. Never allow anyone purporting to be an agent for the IRS into your home unless he or she has proper identification. Do not give out personal identification information to anyone soliciting money. Don't respond to e-mails asking for information relating to refunds. The IRS Web site is the legitimate source for checking refund status. Consumers may file complaints about tax related scams or any other type of fraud by calling the Florida Attorney General's fraud hotline, 866-966-7226, or by filing a complaint online at www.myfloridalegal.com. They can also check company's complaint histories.

By voting overwhelmingly to continue the school tax referendum, the citizens of Sarasota County have ensured that our children will continue to receive a high quality education. Take care and I'll see you at the next Crime Scene. God Bless and protect our military.

