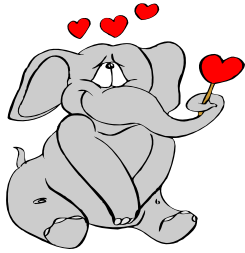


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# West Charlotte County Republican Club

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## President's Message...Raul Fernandez

Hello to all members. I have assumed the duties of President of the WCCRC. Mr. Lou Spacco had to resign as president due to conflict with his new job. I am pleased to be able to step up and help the club as President. It is unfortunate that Lou had to resign and we thank him for his years of service.  
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I would like to advise you of some of the board decisions that were adopted in the February board meeting.

The printing, mailing of the monthly newsletter has been costing the club over \$3,000.00 per year. We have decided to send the newsletter via e-mail to all members that have given us their e-mail addresses. For those of you that have computers and have not given us your e-mail

address we ask that you do so immediately. If you do not, we ask that you provide us with 12 self addressed, stamped envelopes to mail you the newsletter. For those of you that do not have computers, we will have some copies at the meeting that you can pick up, and of course you can also give us self addressed, stamped envelopes and we will mail them to you.

Remember, you can always check our website for information about upcoming events.  
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To those members that attend the meetings and DO NOT eat dinner, the Legion management has asked that you sit at the tables where there are NO place settings. For these folks, a service charge of \$2.00 has been instituted to the club for iced

tea or coffee. The desserts have been paid for and if there are any left over you are welcome to have one at no charge.  
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Many of you will be pleased to know that we will try going back to having you contribute various foods for our socials while the club provides the meat, wine, beer and sodas. Our next social is planned for Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:30PM. Location to be announced. I will be asking various members to help; and sign up lists will be distributed at the March meeting.

Raul Fernandez, "el presidente"

## NEXT CLUB MEETING ON FEBRUARY 17th GUEST SPEAKER IS DITRICT COMMISSIONER ROBERT SKIDMORE

**Social Hour**  
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM

**Dinner**  
6:30 PM Cost \$12.

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR  
RESERVATION BY  
FEB. 14th**

**February Menu**  
Chef's Salad or Pot Roast  
or Shrimp/Scallops

Mixed Veggies  
Mashed Potatoes  
Pudding  
Iced Tea or Coffee

You are welcome to attend the meeting without a reservation, but you may not be able to eat unless you reserve by Sunday evening.

Please email your reservation to: [rcmeals@live.com](mailto:rcmeals@live.com) or call Ray & Iliene at (941) 460-8568  
Thanks,  
Ray Corcoran

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*"That government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."*

## HONORING REPUBLICAN ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809. He was the 16th President of the United States of America and the first Republican to hold the office. It was under his leadership, that America survived the divisive Civil War and remained the "United States."

Most of us are familiar with Lincoln as the author of the famous *Gettysburg Address*. Did you know that perhaps

only a few hundred people could actually hear him make the speech since there was no such thing as a microphone at the time? Yet his stirring words are still echoed today in our school classrooms by young American students. It is fitting that his words live on in our hearts and minds.

It is also fitting that we Republicans honor this great man with our annual **Lincoln**

**Day Dinner**, which will be held February 27, 2009, at Kingsgate Country Club, cost is \$125 p/p, speakers will be Gov. Charlie Crist & Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal. Check with our own Dick Wieland (Dickdor48@aol.com), to see if there are still seats at the WCCRC table. You may also contact Bill at ([bill@billweller.org](mailto:bill@billweller.org)).

## WHAT EXACTLY DOES A MEMBER OF WCCRC DO?

*What does a Republican believe in?*

*"As the founding fathers before us, God was a major factor in the creation of this nation and the efforts to remove Him from society altogether must be reversed."*

During our recent campaign efforts, we handed out 23,000 brochures door-to-door. The Republican Executive Committee gave out \$60,000 to our candidates to be used for campaign literature, signs and postage. We made thousands of phone calls. We called up absentee voters. We traveled to rallies for the local and national candidates. We wore our Republican colors with pride.

The election is finally over. Everyone worked hard; and despite the national scene, it was a great night for most Republicans in Charlotte County. We won the important seats, but some were a little too close for comfort. Now we need to look forward to the next election with the awareness that victory is worth the effort.

How are we going to act as Republican club members?

What are we going to do for the party? How are we going to make Charlotte County stand out as the glistening jewel of Southwest Florida on the political scene?

Oh, did we mention that we also get to have fun being a part of the WCCRC?

**Participate & Volunteer**

## REMINDER

Just a reminder to all of our members...It's time again to renew your membership.

Membership costs are as follows:

\$20 per single

\$30 per married couple

We encourage you to invite your Republican friends, relatives and neighbors who are interested in becoming involved in our Club. You may make reservations for them to attend a dinner meeting with you before they join.

If you are a **snowbird** and have not yet returned, please mail your dues to the club's address, WCCRC, P.O. Box 271, Placida, FL, 33946. Make checks payable to WCCRC.

Visit our website for more update information:

[www.charlottecountygop.com](http://www.charlottecountygop.com)

or contact us at:

[wccrcmembership@yahoo.com](mailto:wccrcmembership@yahoo.com)

## So, You Want To Be An American? By Dennis Curtis

- Why is it that a few people hold such
- sway over the majority of the people?
- When people move to America to live they
- come here expecting the majority to
- change their standards and accept what
- they feel is their "right".
- I'll give you an example; a woman from
- an Islamic country wears a burka, a dress
- that covers them from head to foot based
- on female modesty. Then she wants to
- get a driver's license but insists on wear-
- ing the scarf over the face to take her pic-
- ture and gets all upset when they are re-
- fused. Why? It's our law! However, many
- states are bending over on this and allow-
- ing this to go on. Again, why? If they want
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to drive then they follow our long standing laws.

Isn't it convenient that women, who wear burkas, seem to forget that they are not allowed to drive in the country they came from without a male relative to be with them? The vast majority of women that wear burkas do not drive alone in a car at any time, period! If they want to drive in this country I have no problem with it but they must have a picture on the driver's license so they can be identified, it's the law!

I'm not suggesting that we force our values on anyone but I don't think any minority should force their values on the major-

ity. We value everyone's rights but we should not give any one "super values" that are forced on the majority of the people.

Teddy Roosevelt said "In the first place we should insist that the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equity with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace or origin. But this is predicated upon the man's becoming an American and nothing but an American. There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man

who says he is an American but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag, and this excludes the red flag which symbolizes all wars against liberty and civilization, just as much as it excludes any flag of a nation to which we are hostile. We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language...and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people."

I agree with President Roosevelt. It's time that we put our foot down and stop this nonsense. Everyone lives by the accepted laws or they leave. Basically, what I'm saying is that any person living here

should not disrespect our country and our laws. We should not have a double standard when it comes to race, nor, should we discriminate in any form, even against the majority. We are Americans and we should all behave accordingly.

Last month's tech question was "What is a WEP"? WEP is an encryption process used by wireless routers. A newer standard is now called WAP. WEP is used to make sure no one uses your internet other than you, or the people you authorize to access it. Next month's question is "What does CES stand for"?

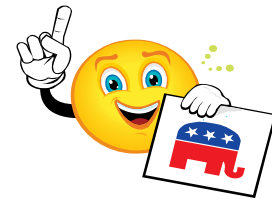
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Congressman  
Thomas J. Rooney  
*Requests your presence  
at his  
District  
Swearing-in Ceremony  
February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

226 Taylor St., Suite 200  
Punta Gorda  
New district office  
Open house  
Noon-2:00pm  
Swearing-in Ceremony  
Noon-12:30PM

Join Congressman  
Rooney for  
Light refreshments  
12:30-2:00pm  
*RSVP to Leah valenti at  
leah.valenti@mail.house.gov*



We welcome your club news and ideas for articles. Please feel free to approach me at meetings. You can call me at home at 698-1560. I can accept documents in either WORKS or WORD. EMAIL me at

[belovedboat@hotmail.com](mailto:belovedboat@hotmail.com)

Next month's newsletter DEADLINE is March 8th. Please have your submissions to us by then.

We've been talking about the costs of mailing newsletters. We hope to come up with some more cost effective approaches in getting the word out to everyone...GOT EMAIL? CHECK THE WEBSITE?

Christie Perry, Editor

#### Dear WCCRC Members,

Debbie Harrington, Pres. of The Peace River Federated Republican Women's Forum has announced that Marco Rubio will be speaking to The Forum on **March 11<sup>th</sup>**.

Mr. Rubio hasn't been to Charlotte County in many years, and since he recently completed his term as Florida Speaker of the House, he certainly has more on his mind to tell us. Maybe a Senate Race?

The Women's Forum social starts at 11:30 a.m., meeting at 12 noon and is held at the Benedetto's/Best Western, Punta Gorda. Luncheon is \$18 for members, \$20 for guests. To make a reservation, please contact :

Darlene Queener, (941) 624-2185 or by email at [darbob1@comcast.net](mailto:darbob1@comcast.net).

Thank you, Nina Stamoulis, Secretary

Congratulations to Sharon Day, elected the new Republican National Committee Secretary. Her use of technology - from blogs to text messaging and direct mail- brought her message directly to the more than 160 delegates and beyond. By voting day, more than a thousand Republicans were following her campaign progress on Facebook, Twitter and her web site. To keep in touch with this amazing leader or for a recap of Sharon's campaign, log on to [www.sharondaygop.com](http://www.sharondaygop.com) or join her on Facebook.





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February 17th                      March 17th

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