



# West Charlotte County Republican Club

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## President's Message...Raul Fernandez

Dear Members,

This month I wanted to comment on the political parallels that I have lived through. Some of you know my story and I'm sure many do not.

My parents and I fled Communism twice. The first time was from Spain in 1936, during the civil war. We got on a ship to Cuba. There, we started out with five people in one room in a boarding house; and as my father and uncle found work, we eventually got 2 rooms. My parents and I stayed in one and my grandfather and uncle in the other.

Needless to say, life improved over the years and we ended up with a nice apartment and a successful business. THEN Castro came along. He started with his band of guerillas up in the mountains. He promoted CHANGE! Medical care for all, help the poor, level

out the playing field, democratic government, and free education for all. Killing of protestors and political personnel was rampant.

Fidel and his brother Raul killed anyone they didn't convince to join them. His takeover came on New Years Eve, 1959. Change seemed good to many of the Cubans, but as the months rolled by, my father recognized what would come to pass.

Through friends in the old government he started arranging passports, visas and such, to leave the country. It took many months, but when he finally had it all together he called a family conference and presented everything that had been done. In a state of shock we asked how, when and why? He explained his reasoning, and within a few weeks we were on a plane to Spain. Only my uncle was told at the last minute and handed

the keys to everything. We locked the doors on a nice home, a successful business, and cars.

We were among the first to escape and had the opportunity to take several suitcases full of cameras and equipment, so my father could start over. We had some clothing and had converted cash to jewels that we could sell later to survive. When my uncle's family left two years later, they were allowed out with no cash, no clothing, no jewelry nor mementos.

The moral of my story? I SEE THE SAME CALL FOR CHANGE, MONEY CONTROL, EXCESSIVE GIVE-AWAYS, GIVE TO THE POOR AND TAKE FROM THE RICH AND THE RHETORIC THAT HAPPENED IN CUBA IN 1959 TO THE PRESENT. I AM TRULY AFRAID FOR OUR AMERICA.

Raul Fernandez, President

### MARCH 17th MEETING SPEAKER IS BANKER TRAMM HUDSON...

Tramm Hudson provides advice on regulatory compliance, credit management, capital management and crisis management to banks. Tramm speaks to groups on "Hog-wild to Humble: Confessions of a Florida Banker." Tramm also represents banks, and selected borrowers, in workout situations involving all forms of credit. He also serves as an expert witness and advisor in lender liability cases.

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**NEXT CLUB MEETING MARCH 17th – GUEST SPEAKER IS BANKING EXPERT TRAMM HUDSON**

**Social Hour**  
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM

**Dinner**  
6:30 PM Cost \$12.  
\$2.00 surcharge for those not eating meal

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY March 14th**

**March Menu**  
Chef's Salad  
or Corn Beef and Cabbage  
or Baked Fish  
Carrots  
Red Potatoes

Ice Cream  
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 the Sunday before our meeting .

Please email your reservation to: [lliene@comcast.net](mailto:lliene@comcast.net); or call Ray & Iliene Corcoran at (941) 460-8568

*“Republicans believe that Americans should keep more of what they earn through lower taxes and that tax policy should not suppress incentive by penalizing success.”*

*Liberal Democrats relentlessly use propaganda to promote the failed premise that America can tax its way to prosperity. They wage class warfare against successful Americans through regressive taxes.*

**SHOULD WE ROB PETER TO PAY PAUL?**

“You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom.

What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.

The government cannot give to anybody, anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.

When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work, because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my dear friend, is about the end of any nation.

You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it.”

# MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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 decide to join.

Your membership fees help defer the costs of our meetings, supplies and social gatherings. Funds are also used to support our local, regional,

state and national Republican Party efforts to win and control seats in all branches of our government.

We are working to build our membership now, so we can make a difference with our Republican candidates in the next election cycle. Your West Charlotte County Republican Club needs you to be ready to participate and volunteer.

Our club is your voice. It is a place to share, network and grow your political beliefs and ideals. Your involvement will help secure the future of this great land we call AMERICA.

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)

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**"WAKE UP AMERICA!" YOU'VE GOT TO CHOOSE YOUR BATTLES!**

My fellow Americans:

I caution you to not be quick to align yourself with those who would cloak themselves with a conservative mantle; when in fact, they are redefining conservatism as "Socialism Lite." True conservatism is RIGID. It does not allow so much compromise as to become altruistic in nature. Perhaps the time for "compassionate conservatism" is over. We are now at war. It is time to draw the line in the sand. Which side of the line will you stand firmly on and defend?

No man or woman should be rewarded for their greed or their failure.

It is time for Americans to stand on the promises and the protections

granted to us, as citizens, in the Constitution of the United States of America. Our battle is not about who is black and who is white, or who is rich and who is poor, or who is Republican and who is Democrat. Our battle is about saving the United States of America from the hands of corruption, greed and outside interests.

Where do we start? We start to buy ONLY American made products—read the labels. We start to purchase only American stocks—our sons and daughters will keep their jobs. We start to use oil supplies from wells drilled only on American soil—the price of oil will drop world-wide. We stop writing checks to countries half a

world away, that are blackmailing us with the threat of nuclear war. We close our borders to illegal immigration—no VISA means "NO ENTRADAS." Mexico does not care about you. They want to sell us illegal drugs for dollars. Only citizens of the United States should receive well-fare or food-stamps.

Like it or not, I'm just being honest, as I caution you once again...Either be conservative and take a RIGID stand for your right to be a productive citizen of these United States, or just pretend.

In the words of the famous ,Uhmerikun, Earl Pitts, "Wake up America!"

*Commentary by Christie Perry*

**FLORIDA'S 16th DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE LOOKING FOR FAIRNESS IN HOUSING RECOVERY**

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Tom Rooney (R-Fla.) has co-sponsored The Fairness in Housing Recovery Act of 2009 to tackle the foreclosure crisis in Florida. The plan aims to mitigate mortgage foreclosures, facilitate and include fairness in housing recovery, and combat mortgage fraud. This bill will help struggling, responsible homeowners, while pre-

venting "flippers" from profiting off taxpayer assistance.

"Restoring stability to the housing market, especially in South Florida, is a key step in getting our economy back on track," said Rooney. "This bill is an important step in helping to keep people in their homes without rewarding bad actors at the expense of those who have been responsible

homeowners. We cannot allow speculators, criminals and illegal aliens to take advantage of a program aimed at responsible borrowers who are struggling to stay in their homes."

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We welcome your club news and ideas for articles. You can call me at home at 698-1560. I can accept documents that are handwritten or emailed as attachment in either WORKS or WORD. EMAIL me at :

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

Next month's newsletter DEADLINE is April 5. Please have your submissions to me by then.

In an effort to reduce costs, the Board voted to EMAIL newsletters and make them available for viewing on our club website. For those still wishing to receive them via SNAIL MAIL, please bring a supply of SASE (self-addressed-stamped-envelopes) to the next meeting. A few printed copies should be available for review at the regular monthly meeting.

Christie Perry, Editor

Which one has Barack Obama refused to meet with ?





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WCCRC members who wish to be appointed to any open state/county GOP board or committee, please contact Frank Weikel to fill out an application.

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For STATE openings  
and  
Http://www.charlottecountyfl.com/  
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For COUNTY openings

Email Frank at [fwcom1@aol.com](mailto:fwcom1@aol.com)

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The Fairness in Housing Recovery Act of 2009 would help troubled borrowers to refinance into loans that better meet their family budgets, but it would bar taxpayer support from those who misrepresented their income to get a mortgage, aren't living in the residence, were convicted of financial fraud, or aren't in the country legally with permanent status. Included in the bill are provisions to grant flexible authority to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to insure refinanced mortgages for homeowners that meet the necessary standards, as the Obama Administration requested. It also provides a safe harbor from lawsuits for mortgage servicers who engage in specified loan modifications – reversing one of the leading reasons cited by servicers who have turned away homeowners seeking to refinance. In addition, it expands HUD-approved mortgage counseling services and provides additional resources for the FBI and Department of Justice to combat mortgage fraud.

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<b>Mark your calendars for our upcoming meetings...</b>	
<b>March 17th</b>	<b>April 21st</b>