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President’s Message

**Location: American Legion
3436 Indiana Road,
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3rd Tuesday each month
Cash Bar 6:00 to 6:30 PM
Dinner & Meeting 6:30 PM**

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Dear Club Members,

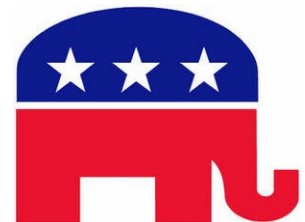
I know that with all the happenings within the REC some may be asking themselves, “Where do we stand, what will happen next, and what about Lincoln Day?” Bob Starr stepped down as Chairman of the REC, and also as the Chairman of the Florida Chairmen’s Caucus. It was a surprise, but after talking to him he seems as though a heavy weight has been lifted off of him. There have been several changes that have taken place, however the WCCRC is strong and we will continue to support the REC and look forward to see who will be the next Chairperson.

The REC will be selecting a new Chairperson at the March 24th meeting. If you are a member of the REC and a Committeeperson, please make sure you attend this meeting to participate in voting. No matter who is elected, the WCCRC board is still committed to keeping you informed on the issues in Charlotte County concerning our elected leaders, as well as what’s happening at the state and federal levels.

The WCCRC is committed to supporting the Lincoln Day Fundraiser Dinner, March 19th, by selling a minimum of four tables (32 seats). As of today, all but two tickets are sold. In addition, we are making a fifth table available to WCCRC members who want to take advantage of the \$50 per person club member discount.

We are very pleased to have Florida Governor Rick Scott as the keynote speaker, as well as Florida Senate President Mike Haridopolos, RPOF Chairman Dave Bitner, and U.S. Congressman Tom Rooney as our guests for this occasion.

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(President's Message from first page)

I encourage all of our club members to attend this notable annual event. Please contact our club Secretary, Nina Stamoulis, by email at ninams@comcast.net to reserve your seats.

Thank you for supporting our club, and the Charlotte County Republican Party. Please make sure your membership in the WCCRC is current to take advantage of all the benefits the club has to offer. Dues must be paid in full as of March in order to retain your membership status.

Sincerely,

Douglas W. Tucker, President

Next Meeting — March 15th

Menu Choices:

Corned Beef and Cabbage

Chef's Salad

For reservations: Denny Curtis dcurtis@ewol.com
(941) 697-6274

Please get your reservations in by Sunday March 13th

Program for Meeting

This month: Our own Earle "Bud" Bretz

Earle will be speaking about the Civil Air Patrol.

Join us at the next WCCRC Social

Johnny Leverock's
7092 Placida Rd, Cape Haze

5:00-7:00 PM

\$6.00 includes 2 drink tickets and appetizers
Bring your Republican friends

Stay for dinner after the social and the club receives 15% of what
you spend

★ **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.
★
★ 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!**
★

THE WEST CHARLOTTE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUB EXTENDS
A WARM WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Margaret Schaad
Shirley & Vincent Falcone
David & Susan Kesselring

LINCOLN DAY DINNER UPDATE

Please be advised that there has been a change in venue for the R.E.C. Fundraiser - Lincoln Day Dinner.

This event will now be held at:

Kings Gate Golf Club,
24000 Rampart Blvd, Port Charlotte

Saturday, March 19th.

Keynote Speaker: Florida Governor Rick Scott
Other Speakers: Senate President Mike Haridopoulos
Congressman Tom Rooney
RPOF Chairman David Bitner

Cost: \$150 per person (\$100 per person for WCCRC members)

8 people per table.

Website: www.ccfhgop.com



Stay tuned for more information

Recent Senate Votes

FISA Sunsets Extension Act of 2011 - Vote **Passed** (86-12, 2 Not Voting)

The Senate passed this bill extending some expiring provisions of the Patriot Act for 90 days. The extension allows both chambers more time to work on long-term bills. The House cleared the measure for the president two days later.

Sen. Bill Nelson voted **YES**

Sen. Marco Rubio voted **YES**

FAA Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act - Vote **Passed** (87-8, 5 Not Voting)

This \$34.6 billion bill reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration for two years and sets aviation policies. The House is working on its own version of the bill that would cover four years.

Sen. Bill Nelson voted **YES**

Sen. Marco Rubio voted **YES**

Short-term Continuing Resolution - Vote **Agreed to** (91-9)

The Senate gave final approval to this continuing resolution funding government operations through March 18, 2011. Passage of the CR gives lawmakers time to work out a long-term solution to the 2011 fiscal year budget. The president signed it into law later that day.

Sen. Bill Nelson voted **YES**

Sen. Marco Rubio voted **YES**



Remember 9/11!



Recent House Votes

Continuing Resolution, FY2011 - Vote **Passed** (235-189, 9 Not Voting)

The House passed this long-term CR that would fund government operations through September 30, 2011, the end of the current fiscal year. The bill includes \$61.5 billion in spending cuts. The current funding expires on March 4, 2011. The bill now goes to the Senate.

Rep. Vern Buchanan voted **YES**

FISA Sunsets Extension Act of 2011 - Vote **Passed** (279-143, 11 Not Voting)

The House gave final approval to this bill extending some expiring provisions of the Patriot Act for 90 days. The original House bill would have extended the provisions to December 8, 2011, but the Senate approved the short-term bill on February 15. Both chambers are working on long-term bills. The president is expected to sign the bill into law.

Rep. Vern Buchanan voted **YES**

Short-term Continuing Resolution - Vote **Passed** (335-91, 6 Not Voting)

The House passed this continuing resolution funding government operations through March 18, 2011. Passage of the CR gives lawmakers time to work out a long-term solution to the 2011 fiscal year budget. The president signed it into law the next day.

Rep. Vern Buchanan voted **YES**

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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!

Recent House Votes

Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act of 2011 - Vote Passed (314-112, 6 Not Voting)

The House voted to repeal a provision of the 2010 health care bill requiring businesses to report payments to vendors over \$600 to the Internal Revenue Service. There is support in the Senate for repeal, but the two chambers disagree on how to offset the cost of repeal.

Rep. Vern Buchanan voted **YES**

Upcoming Votes

Patent Reform Act of 2011 - S.23

The Senate is scheduled to work on this bill that would overhaul the nation's patent laws.

FHA Refinance Program Termination Act - H.R.830

The House is scheduled to take up this bill that would end a Federal Housing Administration program intended to aid homeowners who owe more than their homes are worth.

Emergency Mortgage Relief Program Termination Act - H.R.836

The House is also expected to take up this bill that would end a Department of Housing and Urban Development program that provides loans to unemployed homeowners facing foreclosure.

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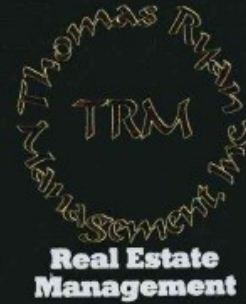
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