



West Charlotte County Republican Club



“One Nation Under God”

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Dinner & Meeting 6:30 PM**

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President’s Message, Raul Fernandez

Hello to all our members.

This month I want to say thank you to all of those that attended our recent social. I figure that we had about 90 in attendance. Sorry, if you had to miss it. Good homemade food, Great camaraderie and Pat Hill tickled the ivories for us. A beautiful sunset was enjoyed by many.

I want to thank Ray and Iliene Corcoran for setting up the food table and preparing the attractive appetizer trays. Dick Wieland, Doris Albertelli, Deborah Arnold, Lorraine Folchi (CCRC) manned the check-in table. Denny Curtis was chief hauler and all around helper, Nina Stamoulis was the jack of all trades and helped with sitting up

the bar and clean up, Bob Hill was the chief bar-b-q master and Pam Kohlenberg pitched as the chief bottle washer. Betty Fernandez made the cole slaw and potato salad, Susan Bower brought her famous German potato salad. Harry and Colleen Fatum and Doug and Amy Tucker were our bartenders. And thanks to our neighbors to the south (CCRC) for coming out and to our neighboring club north of us in Venice for coming down.

Raul Fernandez,
President

P.S. Please remember to hold the private conversations when our speaker is at the podium. Many commented that it was hard to hear the April speaker. Thanks



Guess who is celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this month? Our very own Fred and Doris Albertelli!

Active members since May of 2003, Fred and Doris help man our Headquarters in West County and make numerous phone calls during each election year. When not at a Republican Meeting or gathering, Doris and Fred can be found at the Opera House in Sarasota.

Happy Golden Anniversary and many more years of togetherness!



Meet Our May Speaker: Ken Roberson, State Representative



With end of the Florida Legislative Session, our Rep. Ken Roberson will no doubt

be happy to be home and among his constituents in District 71.

Although Rep. Roberson was elected in 2008 he

sits on numerous Committees such as Governmental Affairs Policy Committee; Insurance, Business and Financial Affairs Policy Committee; and the list goes on.

Please join us May 19th to welcome Rep. Roberson home and to

hear his experiences firsthand.

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<http://www.rpof.org/>



A Day in the Life of a Congressman, Betty Fernandez

Raul and I were fortunate to be invited to have lunch and spend the afternoon with Congressman Tom Rooney a few days ago.

We asked how things were going and if he was busy all day since he was a freshman. He outlined his day for us and I thought you would like to hear about his day.

First off, let me tell you that home is the office. It seems that most of the new guys are staying in their offices. He has a cot, TV and private bath. As I understood it, there are up to 40 fellows living this way. His office is divided into 3 rooms. You enter into the main reception area that has a conference table, sofa, chairs and 3 or 4 desks. Off to the left is a room where another

four aides work and off to the right you enter in his private office area with a desk and conference/sofa area and TV.

Tom is up at 6AM and heads for a short work out in the gym in the basement of the building. Then it's out to a quick breakfast with a couple of Republican friends he has made. Next is a stop at the next door church for mass. He said that it is only 10 minutes but is the only chance he has to clear his head of politics for a bit. He is back in his office by 9AM. Appointments are scheduled every 15 minutes. At 12 he meets with someone for a 30 minute lunch. He has to be in another building where all the committees meet by 1PM. Then he is off to vote in the House by 4PM.

Now the rounds start at 5PM, receptions, dinners, and such go on until about 9PM. That spells dinner. Then it is back to office where he tells the late workers to head for home.

Now is his quiet time to get some things done. He signs about 100 pictures a night. Next the cot gets pulled out and he can watch a little TV and hit the sack. It starts all over again the next morning.

Betty Fernandez

For more information or to sign-up for Rep. Rooney's Newsletter, please go to:

<http://www.rooney.house.gov/>

545 People, Charlie Reese

Politicians are the only people in the world who create problems and then campaign against them.

Have you ever wondered, if both the Democrats and the Republicans are against deficits, WHY do we have deficits?

Have you ever wondered, if all the politicians are against inflation and high taxes, WHY do we have inflation and high taxes?

You and I don't propose a federal budget. The president does.

You and I don't have the Constitutional authority to vote on appropriations. The House of representatives does.

You and I don't write the tax code, Congress does.

You and I don't set fiscal policy, Congress does.

You and I don't control monetary policy, the Federal Reserve Bank does.

One hundred senators, 435 congressmen, one president, and nine Supreme Court justices 545 human

beings out of the 300 million are directly, legally, morally, and individually responsible for the domestic problems that plague this country.

I excluded the members of the Federal Reserve Board because that problem was created by the Congress. In 1913, Congress delegated its Constitutional duty to provide a sound currency to a federally chartered, but private, central bank.

I excluded all the special interests and lobbyists for a sound reason. They have no legal authority. They have no ability to coerce a senator, a congressman, or a president to do one cotton-picking thing. I don't care if they offer a politician \$1 million dollars in cash.

The Politician has the power to accept or reject it. No matter what the lobbyist promises, it is the legislator's responsibility to determine how he votes.

Those 545 human beings spend much of their energy convincing you that what they did is not their fault. They cooperate in this common con regardless of party.

What separates a politician from a normal human being is an excessive amount of gall. No normal human being would have

the gall of a Speaker, who stood up and criticized the President for creating deficits. The president can only propose a budget. He cannot force the Congress to accept it.

The Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land, gives sole responsibility to the House of Representatives for originating and approving appropriations and taxes. Who is the speaker of the House? Nancy Pelosi. She is the leader of the majority party.

She and fellow House members, not the president, can approve any budget they want. If the president vetoes it, they can pass it over his veto if they agree to do so.

It seems inconceivable to me that a nation of 300 million can not replace 545 people who stand convicted -- by present facts -- of incompetence and irresponsibility. I can't think of a single domestic problem that is not traceable directly to those 545 people. When you fully grasp the plain truth that 545 people exercise the power of the federal government, then it must follow that what exists is what they want to exist.

If the tax code is unfair, it's because they want it unfair.

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**NEXT CLUB MEETING MAY 19 th –
GUEST SPEAKER IS State Representative - Ken Roberson**

Social Hour

6:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Dinner Meeting

6:30 PM Cost \$12.

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR
RESERVATION BY
MAY 17th**

April Menu

Chef Salad
or Roast Pork with stuffing
or Fried Shrimp
Dinners come with
Succotash & Baked Potato
Apple Pie

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
or call Ray & Iliene Corcoran
at (941) 460-8568

If April Showers
bring May flowers
What do
Mayflowers
bring?



Answer:
Pilgrims

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Reminder from the Jewelry Lady

Remember, that suitcase I carry is heavy.
Help lighten the load.

I have a few ladies club shirts in Large
and XL; men's shirts are available in me-
dium, large and 1 XL.

Baseball caps in red only and Bags
in red or blue

Betty Fernandez

Are you running low on your wine
supply? I have four unopened jugs
of wine left from our social: 2 merlot,

1 rhine; and 1 chardonnay.
I will let them go for \$8.00 each.

First come first served. Call Raul
at 941-258-6149 and I will deliver
to you at the next meeting.

El Presidente, Raul

*(The following comments
came from Newt Gingrich's
website)*

What follows is just a partial list of the winners and losers of the Obama Administration so far, organized by the government policies that will decide their fate:

**The Chrysler Bankruptcy
Pt. 1:
From the Rule of Law to
the Rule of Politics**

**Winners: The United Auto
Workers**

Losers: The Rule of Law

Bankruptcy was once a legal process in which an insolvent company, an impartial judge and creditors voting in good faith worked together to make the best of a bad situation.

Under the Obama Administration, the Chrysler bankruptcy has become a political process in which government has bought off some creditors, demonized others, and predetermined a favorable result for an important political constitu-

ency.

What happened last week with Chrysler was an unprecedented case of executive branch involvement in a bankruptcy proceeding. The Obama Administration bullied smaller investors to fall in line with TARP-funded creditors in a deal that ultimately benefited the union bosses who bear so much of the responsibility for Chrysler's downfall to begin with. In the end, the losers weren't just the secured creditors and the taxpayers who have footed the bill for all these bailouts, but the rule of law itself.

**The Chrysler Bankruptcy
Pt. 2:
America, Get Ready for
the "Model O"**

**Winners: The People Who
Are Evading Responsibility
for Chrysler's Bankruptcy**

**Losers: Consumers Who
Want to Buy Good American
Cars**

The end result of the

rigged Chrysler bankruptcy is that two political entities whose priority is winning votes (the Federal Government and the UAW) now have majority ownership of a commercial entity whose priority should be making good cars.

And despite his protestations that he wants to get out of the auto business, President Obama has some definite ideas about what kind of cars Chrysler should make. Announcing the bankruptcy, he blamed Chrysler's troubles, not on its uncompetitive labor costs, but on its "failure to make the fuel-efficient cars like its foreign competitors."

Politicians, not businessmen and women, are calling the shots at Chrysler. America, get ready for the Model O.

**Cap and Trade:
Punishing Americans With
High Energy Taxes**

**Winners: Government Favored
"Green Industries"**
**Losers: Anyone Who Heats
a Home, Drives a Car or
Has a Job**

I'm in favor of doing all we

can to protect our environment, but I have a fundamental difference with Democrats on Capitol Hill and in the White House: I believe in incentivizing Americans to produce the innovations that will protect our environment, not punishing Americans with taxes, regulation and litigation.

The Administration's cap and trade legislation makes losers of the American people by imposing a \$1 trillion-\$2 trillion energy tax on an already struggling economy. And the winners? They're the lobbyists for favored special interests and "green" industries who are already lining up in Washington to collect the spoils.

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If the budget is in the red, it's because they want it unfair.

If the Army & Marines are in IRAQ , it's because they want them in IRAQ

If they do not receive social security but are on an elite retirement plan not available to the people, it's because they want it that way.

There are not insoluble government problems.

Do not let these 545 people shift the blame to bureaucrats, whom they hire and whose jobs they can abolish; to lobbyists, whose gifts and advice they can reject; to regulators, to whom they give the power to regulate and from whom they can take this power. Above all, do not let them con you into the belief that there exists disembodied mystical forces like "the economy," "inflation," or "politics" that prevent them from doing what they take an oath to do.

Those 545 people, and they alone, are responsible.

They, and they alone, have the power.

They, and they alone, should be held accountable by the people who are their bosses.

Provided the voters have the gumption to manage their own employees.

We should vote all of them out of office and clean up their mess!

Charlie Reese is a former columnist of the Orlando Sentinel Newspaper.