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## The Keeper and Driver of the Elephant

SEPTEMBER 2019

*Strong Women for a Strong America*



**Mayor Peter Simmons, Bonita**

**Mayor Anita Cereceda, Fort Myers Beach**

**Mayor Bil Ribble, Estero**

**Mayor Randy Henderson, Fort Myers**

**Mayor Joe Coviello, Cape Coral**

**Mayor Kevin Ruane, Sanibel**



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### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"To anger a conservative, lie to him. To anger a liberal, tell him the truth."*

*Theodore Roosevelt*

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### JOIN US!

The next meeting of LRWF is September 9th in the Marina at Pinchers in Fort Myers at 2360 West First Street. Our speakers will be the six Mayors whose jurisdictions are in Lee County. Mayors Peter Simmons, Bonita, Anita Cereceda, Fort Myers Beach, Bill Ribble Estero, Randy Henderson, Fort Myers, Joe Coviello, Cape Coral and Kevin Ruane, Sanibel

The menu choices are:

1. Grilled Chicken Pesto Wrap
2. Classic Caesar with blackened Shrimp
3. Plain Caesar

Jumbo Cookies for dessert.

*Social hour begins at 11:15 AM  
with dinner following*

Reservation Deadline is Thursday,  
August 5th at noon.

For reservations call or text  
Ashley Winstel at 602-708-8663 or  
email [acwinstel@gmail.com](mailto:acwinstel@gmail.com)

To make a reservation online go to  
<https://leerepublicanwomen.com/product-category/register/>

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**Mayor Peter Simmons, Bonita:** As a long time small business owner, Peter understands the realities of creating jobs, achieving financial goals, raising capital, financial management, and working successfully with others to make a project come together. Peter has raised millions of dollars for numerous political and non-profit causes since the turn of the century.

**Mayor Anita Cereceda, Fort Myers Beach:** She served as the first mayor of the Town of Fort Myers Beach and served in that position for three years. She was elected to Seat #3 on the first Town Council in 1995 and reelected for a second three-year term in December 1998.

**Mayor Bill Ribble, Estero:** Bill Ribble's executive career at UPS spanned more than 30 years. He worked his way up through the company's ranks starting with loading envelopes. He now serves as Mayor of Estero.

**Mayor Randy Henderson, Fort Myers:** Randy's career in Fort Myers began in banking where he worked his way up to Vice-President. In 1986, he assumed operating responsibilities for Corbin Henderson Company, a real estate firm, as president. He now serves as Mayor of Fort Myers.

**Mayor Joe Coviello, Cape Coral:** Joe is a business consultant specializing in insurance, payroll, benefits and human resources, a valuable background for dealing with the Cape's difficult budget and employee issues. His top priorities are economic development, efficiency and a stronger sense of community for the city.

**Mayor Kevin Ruane, Sanibel:** After attending undergraduate and graduate school at Pace University in New York where he developed an expertise in both accounting and finance, Kevin immediately began tapping into his natural instincts to climb the private sector ladder. This eventually led him to senior executive positions, including Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, for a subsidiary of a Fortune 500 company.

**Join us as we learn at our Mayoral Forum on September 9th!**

**NEWSLETTER OF LEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED**

Associated with the Florida Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



*Kerri Tonkin, LRWF President*

Hello Beautiful Ladies and Gents,

As I write this we are watching the horror show called Hurricane Dorian and praying for the people in its path including all of us. Somehow Irma doesn't seem that long ago. It does make incredibly grateful to live in this state and country with such attentive elected officials. From our President to our Senators, Representatives and our Governor and locally elected we really are blessed to have such good people looking out for all of us in times of need. I hope by the time you read this Dorian is safely past Florida, all our preparations were just a drill and we are all safe.

We have been busy this month lining up new and informative things for our club to participate in. On September 26 we will be holding a pot luck movie night at the Republican office for all members, friends and families. In October we will be hosting a Stop the Bleed and Active shooter again at the Republican office and for members, families and friends. I truly hope you will all join me in these fun and informative extra functions. Our store is up and running on the web and we are adding fun campaign items weekly. If anyone needs a Trump

shirt just get a hold of me and I will make sure to get them to you.

The Trump campaign is busy here in SWFL with Missi Lastra holding campaign classes. Missi is going to give us reports and keep us up to date during our normally scheduled meetings. The primaries are now a year away, and as I have said before many candidates have announced. We plan to hold numerous candidate forums to be sure you are well informed to make your choices.

On October 11-13 the Florida Federation of Republican Women is holding the semi annual meeting in Orlando. All members are welcome to attend. Please see me after the meeting if you would like more details.

We are going to have a wonderful mayoral panel at our September meeting from all six communities in Lee County. I hope you all can make this meeting which promises to very illuminating on all local issues. Until then be safe and dry.

Blessings,

Kerri Tonkin  
LRWF President



## LETTER FROM YOUR RPOF REGIONAL FIELD DIRECTOR

What has the Trump Victory Team been up to?

The team has been shaking things up in Lee County. This past Saturday was the National Day of Action for August and Trump Victory Team SWFL was busy engaging voters at MAGA Meetups, and registering voters from Estero to Pine Island, Fort Myers and the Beach. There was a concentrated effort to reach out to youth and faith communities, as well as the beach and island groups. We also executed TVLI LCREC 3.0, activating 16 new volunteers for the Trump Victory Team. All this was on the heels of a highly successful Women for Trump rally in Orlando on Thursday, August 22nd. The guest speakers were Advisor to the President, Kellyanne Conway and previous FL Attorney General, Pam Bondi. Over 2,000 ladies were surprised to have President Trump dial in and speak to his supporters.



*Missi Lastra*

The work we do today will insure President Trump is re-elected in 2020. The time to get started is NOW! President Trump has worked hard for us delivering on his promises. It is time to for us to work hard for our President. Whether you have one hour or 10 hours to dedicate to the Trump Victory team, we need you!

To find out more about getting on the Trump Train, contact Missi Lastra to get started [mلاstra@flvictory.com](mailto:mلاstra@flvictory.com)

Join the movement on Facebook. Please use #LeadRight on Social Media.

Missi Lastra,  
Regional Field Director  
RPOF/Trump Victory Team

## THE USMCA IS CRITICAL TO AMERICAN PROSPERITY

By Francis Rooney



Francis Rooney  
US House of Representatives

The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) or “NAFTA 2.0,” does more than open markets for goods and improve regional competitiveness. It also creates a framework of continued partnership with our neighbors who we share a border with, which is vital to America’s security and economic prosperity.

However, the agreement can’t take effect until Congress votes to ratify it. I would call on my colleagues in Congress to recognize the implications of doing so and to take action.

The United States has more immediately at stake with Mexico than any other country in the world. Collaboration with our southern neighbor on drug trafficking, immigration, democracy promotion, trade, and investment have become imperative for the U.S. economy and our national security. When NAFTA was signed in 1994, it created the foundation to build our partnership with Mexico into what it is today.

Twenty-five years later, Mexico’s democratic institutions have strengthened, its citizens have a more positive perception of the U.S., and Mexico is an economically stable hub for investment, with more free trade agreements than any other country in the world.

Mexico now cooperates with the United States on migration, counter-narcotics, organized crime, terrorism, and cyber security. USMCA addresses the domestic political challenges due to the disruptions NAFTA caused such as job displacement, and ratifying this agreement will ensure we can build on the gains we have made with Mexico in the last 25 years. A stable Mexico directly translates to a safer and more secure southern border, and Mexico’s economy has greatly improved due to NAFTA, keeping migrants at home and protecting the United States from the harms that illegal immigration can cause. There are now more Mexicans returning to Mexico than migrating to the U.S. Moreover, NAFTA has helped build a framework to work with Mexico.

Over the past several years, the United States’ partnership with Mexico has led to the creation of multinational strategies such as the Merida Initiative that build capacity and combat regional security threats. This type of cooperation was unthinkable 25 years ago, but has been instrumental in the fight against drug trafficking and organized crime. This security cooperation enables us to partner with Mexico to face evolving threats today, including the large numbers of Central American migrants coming across our shared border. By working together, we can strengthen the southern border and keep American citizens safe.

Our businesses benefit directly from the economic success of Mexico. Over 70 percent of Mexico’s total imports come from the United States totaling \$265 billion worth of U.S. goods in 2018, and another \$34 billion in services. Moreover, 70 percent of the parts in a typical Mexican product originate in the United States. If Mexico succeeds, the U.S. economy benefits.

The United States is the largest source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Mexico, which opens markets for U.S. businesses and investors, and is a key driver of development. FDI in Mexico has improved the global competitiveness of American manufacturing industries by creating supply chains. United States FDI in Mexico increased from \$15.2 billion in 1993 to \$109.7 billion in 2017. This investment has played an important role in Mexico’s stable development, and USMCA includes provisions to enhance this investment relationship.

Over the last 25 years, NAFTA has been a key driver of U.S.-Mexico collaboration to promote economic prosperity and security. The USMCA can build on this partnership while improving trade outcomes for Americans. The key role of a strong relationship between the United States and our southern neighbor, Mexico, cannot be overlooked.

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***Mr. President...When a Champion athlete doesn't want to visit the Whitehouse, invite a Wounded Warrior to STAND in their place.***

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**JOIN US THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 26TH  
MOVIE NIGHT & POT LUCK**

**REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS  
7910 SUMMERLIN LAKES DRIVE**

**6:00 PM  
(DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED)**

**BRING YOUR FAMILY, NEIGHBORS AND  
FRIENDS...PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW!**

Unplanned is the inspiring true story of one woman’s journey of transformation. All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. She believed in a woman’s right to choose until the day she saw something that changed everything.

This movie exposes the abortion industry for what it is. This movie is powerful and a “must see.”

[Click here to see the trailer.](#)

**Bring your friends and anyone who needs to know the truth!  
This is a critical Republican stand that we need to be able to defend.**

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### Economy & Jobs

#### The Tax Cuts & Jobs Act

- 6 Million New Jobs
- Record Low Unemployment
- 350,000+ Manufacturing Jobs

### Consumer Confidence Highest in 19 Years!

**Brimming With Confidence**  
American consumers' assessment of present conditions highest in nearly 19 years



The reading shows hiring and income gains are keeping consumers upbeat and assuaging concerns about the economy’s prospects in light of slowing global growth, volatile financial markets and escalating U.S.-China trade tensions. The level of confidence could allow for sustained household spending that remains a mainstay of the economy. (Taken from Bloomberg.com/news)

## THE MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL OFFICE



*My Opinion*

*By Mary Snyder*

I have been very concerned for a long time that our children and young adults are totally ignorant of our history. It is amazing that people like Jesse Watters from Watter's World can go out and interview one person after another on the streets and expose the ignorance of our society. I even have an older member of my own family that does not understand the history and relationship between Israel and the United States. This problem of ignorance did not just happen. It was better when I was younger than it is today, but there was still a problem when I was growing up and that was seventy plus years ago.

The other day, I heard Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez talking about the older generation. She stated that we didn't know as much as her generation. She said that we didn't understand what a democracy was all about. Well, Alexandria...**you** need to understand the difference between a republic and a democracy and you need to know that the United States is a republic. "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." Just listen to what you are saying when you recite the pledge. We are a republic and one nation under God. No wonder there is a movement to remove the pledge of allegiance in schools!

I also heard this beautiful young bar-tender-turned-politician when asked about certain things concerning Israel say she really didn't know about Israel. Yet, her friends...part of her "squad"...are trying to get rid of Israel.

Bernie Sanders and others do not understand the history of socialism. Bottom line is that socialism doesn't work. Not only does it not work, but also it is murderous. Hitler, Stalin and Lenin were all socialists and millions of people were killed during their regimes. Stalin actually killed more people than Hitler. He killed tens of millions of people. Not only is it murderous, but it does no good to the people who have been promised the world on a platter. The people in socialist countries live in poverty. Socialism doesn't work. Capitalism does work. Capitalism creates wealth for everyone...not just the very wealthy as told to us by Democrats.

Local government is another area of ignorance. How many people understand the workings of their local governments? How many people understand how their state government works?

How many people understand that Republicans have been the friend of the blacks from the very beginning? How many people know that Abraham Lincoln was the first Republican president? How many people know that even though George Washington owned slaves, he later came to oppose slavery and worked on behalf of the blacks?

People do not understand that Frederick Douglas, the most admired man in the history of the black people in America, was a Republican... he said... "I am a Republican, a black, dyed in the wool Republican, and I never intend to belong to any other party than the party of freedom and progress."

People do not know that Republicans, which gave African Americans citizenship, passed the 14th Amendment. Nor do they know that the 15th Amendment that was also passed by Republicans, gave African-Americans the right to vote. In addition, they do not know that the Civil Rights Act of 1960, which outlawed poll taxes that were meant to keep African-Americans from voting, was filibustered by 19 Democrats for 125 hours and not one Republican opposed the bill. They do not know that the follow-up Civil Rights Act of 1964 was filibustered by Democrats and given overwhelming support by Republicans. Finally, people do not know that Democrats viciously opposed ALL of the above.

There is total ignorance about the role of religion in the early forming of our country. It was not freedom from religion as religion was a huge part of our society and government. It was freedom of religion. People, when interviewed on the streets, don't know anything about any of our wars and can't even name most of our presidents.

Where did all of this ignorance come from? It came from the breakdown of our schools...our educational system. So what is the most important political office? It is the school board! If we do not get serious and vote for conservative school board members, we are never going to defeat ignorance. It is everyone's duty to educate themselves on what our school board members actually believe. We need to press the school board and our state officials to put history and civics back into our schools. We need to teach government. We need to get truthful textbooks and not revisionist history in our classrooms.

In regards to the laws and history of the Jewish people, God told the Jews to remember them and to teach their children. Deut. 11:18-21 says, "Fix these words (laws) of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth." Plainly said...teach your children to preserve your history, laws, and knowledge.



*Americanism*  
*By Germaine Hyatt*



*Theodore Roosevelt Jr.*  
*8th Republican President*

## Theodore Roosevelt Jr.

1858-1919

Theodore Roosevelt Jr. was born on October 27, 1858 his life started out with a weakened body. As a young child and youth he made himself exercise to strengthen his muscles as he had a great desire to be adventurous. During his lifetime he became a known hunter going on expeditions around the world bringing back specimens that now are on display in the Smithsonian Institute. A cartoon of Roosevelt holding a bear cub soon had him labeled Teddy, and a toy company created what became the "Teddy Bear" which is still a popular toy.

The 26th President of the United States from 1901-1909, he had a long history of having held government offices, Governor of New York and Vice President to Pres. McKinley before taking office after the former's assassination. His military service during the Spanish American War had him hailed a hero from his Cuba deployment. He is one for the 4 Presidents depicted on Mt Rushmore having long been called one of the most leading presidents. During his terms in office he saw the building of the Panama Canal, won the Nobel Peace prize and his statement "Speak softly and carry a big Stick" summed up his foreign policy. Having followed through on a pledge not to run for a third term he aided President Taft in his campaign. But after his return from safari to see Taft's presidency not following the progressive reforms that Roosevelt wanted he campaigned against Taft in 1912. He and his supporters then formed the Progressive Party, popularly known as the Bull Moose party. During his campaigning in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he was shot in the chest but soon recovered. With

the Republican Party split he and his supporters saw Woodrow Wilson become the Democrat leader. Although unsuccessful as a third party it was considered the most successful.

His interest in foreign affairs had him transforming the US Navy into a major international force at sea. Roosevelt was critical of Wilson's early policy of neutrality at the time of WWI, and once the United States entered the war all his sons joined the military. He had led negotiations to end the Russo-Japanese War in 1904-1905, reaching an agreement with Japan that traded diplomatic recognition of that country in return for Japan's acceptance of the ongoing US presence in the Philippines. Theodore Roosevelt died in his sleep January 6, 1919 at his family home in Oyster Bay, New York.

# Outreach Unlimited...

*With Mary Snyder*

**This past week, we added 38 new members to our Facebook group page!**

Welcome to all of the new members. How exciting it was to see all of those new people. It is vital that we continue to ask good Republican people to join our Facebook group. The more people that we have, the more we will put good conservative information in the hands of the masses.

Also, share, share and then share again.

If you are a member of LRWF and you are not a member of our Facebook Group page...JOIN TODAY!

**CLICK HERE TO JOIN!**

Also, use our new website at <https://www.leerepublicanwomen.com/> to entice people to join our club and help us re-elect President Trump. You can sign them up online.

If you want to help with the following, please contact me.

- Felons (Register felons to vote)
- New Citizens (Register new citizens to vote)
- Bookstore (Set up a registration table at the Christian bookstore)

Email me at [LeeRepublicanWomenFederated@gmail.com](mailto:LeeRepublicanWomenFederated@gmail.com) or call me at 239-910-4634.

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# Legislative UPDATE

By Lori Fayhee

This summer, I began working as a Supervisor for the US Census Bureau for the 2020 US Census and I have missed seeing all of you as I have begun working on this historic and enormous endeavor!

As you know, the US Constitution requires the US Census Bureau to take an official count of all people living in the United States every 10 years, and I am honored to be an integral part of this decade's operation. This count not only determines the number of seats in the United States House

of Representatives, to which each state is entitled, but also the distribution of state and federal funds for highways and schools. Census data show the demographic make-up of your community, state, and the nation. It indicates where to build schools, form election districts, and locate energy sources, such as gas and electricity.

The 2020 Census activities are now underway and Census Bureau employees across the nation are updating census address lists and maps so that we can distribute Census forms efficiently and save taxpayers' money.

All census takers are federal government employees who, as required by Title 13 of the United States Code, have taken an oath to protect the confidentiality of the information they collect. Only authorized, sworn Census Bureau employees have access to the reported information. The data is used for statistical purposes only. No person or household can be identified by the published census results.

Our employees have identification badges that include their picture and will be displayed while they are on duty. Upon request, they will provide their local census office phone number for verification of employment. I have an exemplary group of dedicated people working with me.

I am asking for your cooperation and support in permitting Census Bureau employees to access your building and/or community to perform their official duties. Due to the detailed operation that involves several phases, more than one census employee may request access to your facility over the next several months.

During this Phase we are:

- Collecting addresses
- Verifying addresses
- Verifying locations
- Not collecting personal information at this time

Census employees will be walking door-to-door gathering this information, followed, in some areas, by Quality Control who will verify the information. This is the first year that the US Census Bureau is recording this information electronically!

They may request entrance into communities and apartment/condominium buildings, but they should NEVER request to enter your home. Census Bureau workers may be identified by:

- A sign displayed on their car
- A lanyard with a photo ID
- A laptop with the 2020 Census logo on it

Call me at 239-776-8889 if you have any questions or concerns.

In the next phase of the 2020 Census, once we have collected and confirmed all the addresses and mailing addresses in Lee County, surveys will be mailed out to each address, to be completed by the homeowner or resident, and returned to the Census Bureau. Please complete your survey and mail it back! We are working to save our tax dollars by making the 2020 Census count the most cost-efficient in history.

Followup will be made to each address that does not return a completed survey, by the next wave of Census Bureau employees.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining this historic project and working with the US Census Bureau to complete this nationwide project.

## **Lee County School News**

Lee County students started back to school on Monday, August 12th - well before the traditional Labor Day that most of us remember - and many in the dark. High School bell times have not been changed from 7:05 am, to a later start date, even though research shows that high school students require more sleep. High schools in Lee County start at 7:05 a.m.

*Legislative Update continued...*



### *Legislative Update continued...*

and K-8, and some elementary schools, start at 7:55 a.m. Students are waiting at dark bus stops on busy streets, so please use caution. Following the deaths of two students last year, our communities and elected officials joined together and have provided street lights and benches at many of these bus stops. In the early hours in Lehigh Acres, I have also personally observed police cars at the bus stops, and I am grateful for the Officers who are watching over our children. Parents and guardians, we need your watchful eyes as well. Everyone working together will help keep our students safe.

Concern about the investigation of the Lee County School Board Members, by Watermarked documents, continues. The issue began with an employee taking it upon themselves to investigate Board members by watermarking their documents without their knowledge. By state statute the Governor and Attorney General, only, can investigate Board members without their knowledge. As you may recall, Superintendent Adkins was directed to provide the 'Who, What, Why, and When' of Board Members being investigated by his Employees, by Board Member, Betsy Vaughn, at the July meeting. Only one Board Member, Patricca, stated that she was aware of the watermarking after the employee "came to her" with the plan to track board member document sharing. In a 4-3 vote, the Board directed the superintendent to provide this information, including who directed this investigation of the Superintendent's employers, within 3 days of the meeting. Board Members, Vaughn, Fisher, Giovanelli, and Gittens, voted in favor, and Jordan, Patricca, and Morgan voted against the motion. The Superintendent stated on Friday, June 28th, that he would submit his response no later than July 1st.

According to Board Member comments, at the last meeting of the board, the Superintendent had sent an email which he marked 'Confidential' to board members that did not clearly answer all the questions requested, nor did it determine who directed the district staff to investigate the Elected Officials. According to statute, the Superintendent is required to inform Board members if such procedures are to take place. There are no confidential emails allowed per Sunshine Laws.

Other Hot topics on the Board are:

- The discussion of voting for a Millage tax increase referendum on the 2020 Ballot
- The approval of Certificate of Participation Bond (COPS) loans for construction using the ½ tax \$ as collateral
- The approval of the \$98M Building Budget for the MMM High School
- You can give your name suggestions for MMM High school at [www.leeschools.net/MMM](http://www.leeschools.net/MMM)
- Discussion on the Building, Cost and Location of the proposed Innovation School Project with FGCU
- Please consider applying to serve on a Lee County School District (LCSD) Board Advisory Committee. Sign up at [www.leeschools.net/leadership/advisory](http://www.leeschools.net/leadership/advisory) to make your selection.
- Approval of the 2019-2020 LCSD Legislative Agenda

Hurricane season is upon us. Stay safe.

### **LEGISLATIVE RECAP FROM CONGRESSMAN RAY RODRIGUES**

The 2019 Legislative Session will be remembered as a productive one. During this past Session the Legislature passed legislation:

- To balance the budget, cut taxes by \$400 million and increase financial reserves up to \$5.5 billion.
- To ban sanctuary cities in the state of Florida and empower the Governor to remove elected officials who grant sanctuary to illegal aliens and permits citizens injured by an illegal alien to sue a local government if they provided sanctuary to the alien causing the injury.
- To exceed the Governor's request on funding for water quality, the Governor requested \$612 million for water quality issues and the legislature appropriated \$687 million. These funds will be used for the construction of the C-43 Reservoir, construction of 10 water storage wells north of Lake Okeechobee that can store over 50 million acre feet of water, and to raise an additional 6.5 miles of Tamiami Trail. This will allow an additional 90 billion gallons of water per day to flow south into the Everglades Bay. All of these projects will result in fewer discharges into the Caloosahatchee River and cleaner water in our estuaries.
- To remove government from Health Care and allow more Free Market competition, passed legislation to allow the importation of prescription drugs from Canada, providing for lower cost and increased competition for medication, authorization of telemedicine in Florida and repeal of Certificate of Needs for hospitals to increase competition and offer more choices for patients.
- To authorize the Florida Department of Transportation to study the need for an additional north-south highway in the south, central and northern portions of the state. These highways would be the first new highways in the past three decades and would assist the state in hurricane evacuations.

In September, the Legislature will return to Tallahassee to begin our Committee Week process. We will have additional Committee Weeks in October, November and December. Then in January, we will begin the next Legislative Session.



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CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!



**Lee Republican Women Federated  
Welcome!**

GO TO  
[HTTPS://LEEREPUBLICANWOMEN.COM/](https://leerepublicanwomen.com/)

**Welcome to the  
Republican Party...  
The Party of Freedom!**

***In 1996 Bill Clinton passed a law that separates children from parents who enter the U.S. illegally...  
then Obama enforced the law that Clinton passed for two terms...  
...isn't it hilarious that Democrats are demonizing  
our great president for enforcing THEIR law!!!***



Ladies,

Our Book Chat will resume again Wednesday, September 4. We have selected a book written by Ben Shapiro, *The Right Side of History*.

In 2016, Ben Shapiro spoke at UC Berkeley. Hundreds. Hundreds of police officers were required from 10 UC campuses across the state to protect his speech, which was ironically, about the necessity for free speech and national debate.

He came to argue that Western Civilization is in the midst of crisis of purpose and ideas. Our freedoms are built upon the twin notions that every human being is made in God's image and that human beings were created with reason capable of exploring God's world.

We can thank these values for the birth of science, the dream of progress, human rights, prosperity, peace and artistic beauty. Jerusalem and Athens built America, ended slavery, defeated the Nazis and the communist, lifted billions from poverty and gave billions spiritual purpose. Jerusalem and Athens were the foundations of the Magna Carta and the Treaty of Westphalia; they were the foundations of the Declaration of Independence, Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and Martin Luther King Jr.'s Letter from Birmingham Jail.

Shapiro bravely explains that it's because too many of us have lost sight of the moral purpose that drives us each to be better, or the sacred duty to work together for the greater good or both.

A stark warning and a call to spiritual arms, this book may be the first step in getting our civilization back on track.

Have a blessed summer and I look forward to meeting again in September. We will meet at Mel's Diner on US 41 on Wednesday, September 4, from 1:00-3:00 PM.

Happy reading,

Cheryl Harris

239-225-7390

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## MEMBERSHIP

### We wholeheartedly welcome new members:

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### And a new Sponsorship member:

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### Renew your membership at:

<https://www.leerepublicanwomen.com/store>

### 2019 LRWF Meeting Dates and Times

September 9: Luncheon 11:15 AM  
October 14: Dinner 5:15 PM  
November 11: Luncheon 11:15 AM  
December 9: Dinner 5:15 PM

**We welcomed guests at our August 12th meeting:** Suzanne Treichler with Candace Patton and Mary Laure with Roz Lesser. We also welcomed Darcy Coleman's husband, Ed!

*Please encourage friends to attend and become new members. We all need to support and work to re-elect our President. Lee County works to offset the votes from the predominantly Democrat counties.*

### See you at the next meeting to hear our six Mayors!

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## THE PAST MONTH IN PICTURES



*Suzanne Treichler, first time visitor on right with Candace Patton.*



*Darcy Coleman, a new member with her husband, Ed! Welcome to the club Darcy!*



*Old Buddies...Donna Clark, Lee Health Vice Chair and Doris Cortese, LRWF Past President and current Vice Chair of LCREC*



*Our precious Wally Cortese with his lovely sister in law, Marj Tyrer.*



*Chris Wappes, LRWF Treasurer with Joan Clark...the racecar driver!!!*



*Kerri Tonkin, LRWF President with her grandson, James William Winstel III who is a great Trump supporter. He sold six t-shirts!*



*Nathan Shaw, left with Ray Rodrigues, Florida House and Candidate for Florida Senate. Nathan is very active in the REC.*



*The Ladies...from left...Jenna Persons, Canidate Florida State House, Donna Clark, Lee Health Board Vice Chair, Missy Lastra, Regional Field Director, RPOF Trump Victory Team, and Amira Fox, State Attorney*



*Kerri Tonkin, LRWF President tells us about the t-shirts, hats and other products that we have for sale.*



*Ray Rodrigues...our beloved guest speaker! Ray...you have been great in the Florida House!*



*Our "Friendly Neighborhood Tax Collector"...Larry Hart.  
We love this guy!*

*Noelle Branning, the Chief Deputy Tax Collector shares with us!*

*From left to right are Susan Selby, Larry Hart and Kathy McMichaels.  
What a fun trio!*

*Candidate Paula Kiker with our "friendly neighborhood tax  
collector!"*

*Terri Lee and Cindy Lear are admiring one of the items for sale on our website and also at our club meetings! Terri looked GREAT in this flag vest!*

*Lori Fayhee joins in as Kathy McMichael sports the flag vest and Mary Snyder holds up the knitted flag shaw. All for sale on the website and at the meetings.*

*To the left is the table that displayed some of the items that will be for sale on the website and meetings. We are going to be adding things by the next meeting, so make sure you come! We plan to have t-shirts there along with many other items. Check us out at <https://leerepublicanwomen.com/product-category/shop>*

