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THE MAHOUT

The Keeper and Driver of the Elephant

NOVEMBER 2019

Strong Women for a Strong America



Brian Hammon

Lee County Commissioner



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"To suppress free speech is a double wrong. It violates the rights of the hearer as well as those of the speaker."

Frederick Douglass

JOIN US!

The next meeting of LRWF is November 11th in the Marina at Pinchers in Fort Myers at 2360 West First Street. Our speaker will be Randy Hammon, Lee County Commissioner.

Starting this month, we are having a lovely buffet instead of the usual three meals that you can make selections from. We hope you enjoy this new way of dining.

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

Reservation Deadline is Thursday,
November 7th at noon.

For reservations call or text
Ashley Winstel at 602-708-8663 or
email acwinstel@gmail.com
To make a reservation online go to
<https://leerepublicanwomen.com/product-category/register/>

Commissioner Brian Hamman is a proud Lee County native. A graduate of Cape Coral High School, Brian earned an associate's degree from Florida Southwestern State College (formerly Edison State College) and a bachelor's degree in communications from Florida Gulf Coast University.

In the private sector, Brian is a licensed realtor and spent 10 years in television working his way up from the "camera guy" to a news anchor on the nightly news. In addition, he worked as a financial advisor for Edward Jones and oversaw market development for CenturyLink.

Brian has spent years working and living in our community, listening to people and understanding firsthand what it takes to make Lee County a great place to live, work and raise a family. Brian's priorities are to bring jobs to our community, keep taxes low and protect the beautiful environment that draws so many to Lee County.

Brian and his wife Rebecca reside in Cape Coral with their two children, Kaitlyn and Jacob. Brian remains active in the community, serving on various boards and volunteering at his church, Crosspoint Christian.



CONGRATULATIONS DORIS CORTESE! YOU WON!!!

National Federation Campaign Award

(For 5000 volunteer hours served)

&

National Diamond Award

(For most successful club)

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, I hope you all had a wonderful Halloween with lots of treats and no tricks. Why does it seem that once August ends the months just fly by? Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours. I am sorry to be missing the talk by our Commissioner Brian Hamman and to be able to celebrate Veterans Day with some of our Vets. I am sure it will be a wonderful program and I hope you all enjoy it.

As a federated club our bylaws state that we must send out dues notices in November and that we must submit our payment to both the State Federated and National Federated by January. At the fall convention of the National Federation of Republican Women it was voted in to raise the dues by \$10. The dues increase is the first such increase since the 90's. We all know that costs continue to rise and what that means for us as a Federated Club is our dues must also increase. The state Florida Federation is also going to increase their dues to the local clubs so our new dues schedule going forward will have to reflect that increase.

Starting in November a Full Member will be \$50; a Sponsorship Member will be \$65. An Associate Member who is someone who belongs to another Federated club or is a male will be \$35. Students will continue to pay \$5.

Our reservation chair Ashley Winstel has successfully negotiated a new contract for our club with the Marina. Going forward we will be having buffets. Luncheon buffets will be a salad bar with choice of protein and rolls and dinners will also be buffets with two choices of entrees. The price will stay at \$25 for both. We have had a very rocky year with the meals not exactly up to par and we hope going forward the buffet will eliminate many of the complaints. The buffets will be set out as follows, luncheons will be starting at 11:45 AM and dinner will be placed out at 5:45 PM. Once the buffet has been set up you will be free to get your meal and we can still start the meetings on time.

Again, we are so blessed to have a great team in Tallahassee, an awesome Governor, and a wonderful President and First Lady, who are now Floridians too. From my house to yours, Happy Thanksgiving.

Blessings,

Kerri Tonkin
LRWF President



Ladies,

Our next Book Chat will be November 6th. We will meet at Mel's Diner from 1:00-3:00. We are reading the book, *Why Meadow Died: The People and Politics That Created The Parkland Shooter and Endangered America's Students*. The Parkland school shooting was the most avoidable mass murders in American history. And the politics that made it inevitable have spread to other schools. After Meadow Pollack's death, Andrew Pollack her father, teamed up with one of America's leading experts to launch his own investigation. He found answers to questions the media refused to ask. Questions about school safety that go far beyond the national gun debate. And, the answers to those questions matter to parents, teachers, and school children nationwide.

The media obsessed for months about the type of rifle the killer used. But, it was all about politics, not answers to justice. If one single adult in Broward County school district made one responsible decision about the Parkland shooter, then Meadow would still be alive. But, every bad decision they made makes total sense once you understand the districts politically correct policies. These policies started in Broward County, but have since spread to other schools. The book is enlightening and also maddening. This should never have happened and should never happen again.

Look forward to meeting with you on November 6th at Mel's. Please email or call me if you plan to attend so we may plan accordingly. Happy reading,

Cheryl Harris, LRWF Book Chat Chair
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LETTER FROM YOUR RPOF
REGIONAL FIELD DIRECTOR

Call to Action!

All the recruiting and training paid off bigly! We are halfway through National Week of Action and testing our Campaign Sidekick walking/calling application. By Tuesday we will have activated 50+ volunteers over the five day GOTV campaign. We tested both functionalities of the app, working out small kinks along the way. What we have discovered is we need many, many more volunteers activated. Please actively recruit your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers who want to insure President Trump can Keep America Great.

GOTV

National Call to Action

11/1 - 11-5

Plases Respond with Availability



Missi Lastra
RPOF Regional Field Director

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, 11/9 Fort Myers Bike Night

Thursday, 11/19 Catch the Vision Cape Coral

*Check out our Facebook page for upcoming events and share them please,
<https://www.facebook.com/TrumpVictorySWFL/>

How can you help?

-Urgent! Pick your shifts/availability for Door-knocking and Dialing on the final day of National Week of Action. Help us finish strong!

Other ways to help:

-Host a home training event or MAGA Meetup with your circle of influence.

-Hit your neighborhood and local events to register voters. One voter registration per week per volunteer would ROCK!

-Tell your story and incorporate voter registration in your every day life.

Thank you for all you do.

Missi Lastra

Regional Field Director

RPOF/Trump Victory

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“KEEP AMERICA GREAT!”



**DEMOCRATS VOTED TO FINE AMERICANS FOR
NOT BUYINIG HEALTH INSURANCE,
BUT WANT TO GIVE IT TO
ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FOR FREE!**

KEEP PRESIDENT TRUMP IN OFFICE

Outreach Unlimited..

With Mary Snyder

We now have 222 members on our Facebook group page... that's up 19 in one month!

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)
- Walk and knock on doors to register new people

Email me at LeeRepublicanWomenFederated@gmail.com or call me at 239-910-4634.

<https://twitter.com/LRWF2020>



HEALTHCARE FOR YOU

The White House is making a strong push against Democrats' "Medicare for All" proposal, laying out a "Health Care for You" agenda to boost competition and transparency, lower prescription prices, and produce greater affordability in health-related costs.

The vision of Health Care for You entails health care choice and competition, improved price and quality transparency, access to more affordable health insurance, lower prescription drug prices and out-of-pocket costs.

The tax reform package enacted by President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans eliminated the individual mandate provision of the Affordable Care Act, popularly known as Obamacare, a move estimated to save Americans \$450 billion over the next decade.

Prescription prices are declining to levels not seen since the 1960s, according to the White House. The Trump administration reduced approval times for medicines regulated by the Food and Drug Administration. Trump signed into law Right-to-Try legislation to allow critically ill patients to access potentially lifesaving medicines that haven't yet been fully approved by the FDA.

Trump also signed a \$1 billion increase in funding for researching Alzheimer's disease and launched the End HIV/AIDS in America Initiative to stop transmission of the AIDS virus in the nation by 2030.

The president last year signed the VA MISSION Act, which reforms existing programs in the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide more care for veterans in the communities where they live, with the aim of minimizing travel. The measure includes paying for veterans to get medical care outside VA facilities and also established walk-in community clinics for veterans.

The Trump administration is modernizing electronic health records, called EHRs. The Trump administration has worked to clean up this EHR mess by advancing a rule to make EHR systems interoperable and reduce duplication and administrative burden to get doctors and nurses focused on patients again.

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My Opinion
By Mary Snyder

I LOVE OUR PRESIDENT

I get disgusted and sick in my stomach when I hear people talk badly about our President. I think he is the best thing since buttered pop corn! When I hear about a quid quo pro, I wonder where the evidence is. The only evidence that I see is “made up” evidence. I think every Republican should arm themselves with the facts! The fact is, there was no quid quo pro...something for something. The President tells everyone to read the transcript. Well, I did! The transcript shows that the President asked the Ukrainian president to do him a favor and look into this situation with Hunter Biden and also the 2016 election. He said it looked crooked. He did not promise anything in exchange.

It is the President’s legal responsibility to make sure a country is not corrupt before giving them aid. The president was holding back some funds that had been voted on by Congress to give Ukraine, until he made sure that Ukraine was no longer corrupt. Zelenskyy did not know that money had been allocated to the Ukraine, so for there to be a quid quo pro, he would have had to know that something was being withheld until they did the favor. In the end, money was given to Ukraine, but it was money they never expected to get and did not know was coming. There was no promise of money in exchange of investigations.

Having said all that, I want to be finished with talking about all of this even though I know that probably won’t happen. What I really think we need is for Republicans to educate themselves on the good that President Trump has done, so we can not only counter the bad things that we hear from the liberal media and Democrats with facts, but so we can tell the “good news” with facts as well. Below are a few of the good things that President Trump has done.

- The United States Military is stronger than it’s ever been.
- America’s unemployment rate today is near a half-century low.
- Hispanic and African American unemployment rates are at all time lows.
- Opportunity Zones have been created to encourage businesses to go into poor areas and build them up.
- There are currently more jobs than workers.
- Medicare is being protected for seniors, not robbed to pay everyone else.
- ISIS’ territorial caliphate is decimated, and its horrible, violent leader is dead.
- Historic criminal justice reform is giving more citizens a second chance.
- Our troops are coming home, not fighting endless wars around the world.
- Religious freedoms are being protected
- The capital of Israel has moved to Jerusalem
- The wall is being built in spite of all of the opposition from Democrats.
- At the request of President Trump, the Mexican President has sent 15,000 Mexican troops to protect our border.
- Drug prices are coming down.
- Experimental drugs are being made available to terminally ill patients giving them a “Right to Try.”
- The United States is energy independent for the first time in history.
- The United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement (USMCA) has been signed and waiting for Democrats to ratify it.
- Billions of dollars have come into the United States treasury from Trump imposing tariffs on China.
- Opioid use and deaths are declining due to Trump’s funding states with a billion dollars to prevent and treat opioid abuse.
- A Congressional Review Act bill was signed to allow states to restrict Planned Parenthood Funding.
- The Mexico City Policy was reinstated and expanded that prevented \$9 billion in foreign aid to fund the abortion industry.
- President Trump repealed the individual mandate, which forced people to buy expensive health insurance.
- President Trump signed a six-year extension of CHIP to fund healthcare for 9 million children.
- Increased transparency with drug manufacturers worldwide has insured drug product’s quality.
- \$125 million in grants awarded to 1,352 community health centers who serve rural residents and lower-income Americans.
- Expanding school choice across the country so every parents have a voice in their children’s education.
- All three stock exchanges have hit all time record highs.
- Streamlined the lengthy process that veterans undergo when appealing disability benefits claims with the Veterans Affairs.
- Reduced taxes for everyone...not just the rich.
- Etc., etc., etc. (I could go on and on and on...)

Keep America Great...

Educate yourself and then tell EVERYONE what President Trump is doing!



Americanism
By Germaine Hyatt

Warren G. Harding

1865 – 1923

The twenty-ninth president of the United States was Warren G Harding he was born Nov 2, 1865 in Ohio. He was not much for learning but did finish college and tried several business ventures before buying a newspaper. When he married Florence Kling De Wolfe her wise management of the Marion Paper became a financially successful news source.



Warren G. Harding
10th Republican President

Harding had served as a State Senator for Ohio and the Lieutenant Governor before he was tagged to become the Republican Presidential nominee. He was elected and took office March 4, 1921. His unassuming demeanor had him known as a calming person who would be a leader towards peace after WWI. Known as a President without rancor his popularity waned after his death when political scandal came to the forefront along with his extramarital affair.

The criminal activities of his Cabinet members and other government officials, although he himself was not involved in any wrong doing, blacked his presidency. The Teapot Dome scandal came to light and the Oil Reserves Scandal granting of rights by his Secretary of Interior Albert Fall left a bad mark on his office.

He was blamed for poor leadership when it was noted that Fall had dealt in secrecy granting exclusive rights to Wyoming reserves (Teapot Dome) to Harry F Sinclair. Then to Edward Doheny of Pan American Petroleum Company for the Elk Hills and Buena Vista Hills California reserves. All this reflected on his poor judgement and leadership because he had transferred the reserves from the responsibility of the Navy Department to the Department of Interior.

President Harding died during his term of office August 2, 1923 from an apparent heart attack.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

**Lee Republican Women Federated
Welcome!**

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

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





MEMBERSHIP

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Renew your membership at:

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

2019 LRWF Meeting Dates and Times

November 11: Luncheon 11:15 AM
December 9: Dinner 5:15 PM

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 County Commissioner, Brian Hammon!

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Larry Hart
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Randy Krise
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Angie Gartin
"Momma Badger"
Badger Business Solutions

THE PAST MONTH IN PICTURES



From Left, Amira Fox, State Attorney and LRWF Second Vice President with Ruth Rodrigues, LRWF Corresponding Secretary.



Kevin Ruane, Candidate Lee County Commissioner, Ita Neymotin, Criminal Conflict Counsel



Lance Wissinger, registers felons to vote when they are released from prison.



Chris Wappes, LRWF Treasurer...what a great smile!



Ashley Winstel, LRWF Reservation Chair with her mother, Kerri Tonkin, LRWF President



Wally Cortese...everybody loves Wally ...especially Doris!



Rita Miller on left with LRWF Past President Doris Cortese

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