

President's Address

Dear Members,

Spring is in the air!!!! And we have some great events, socials, and meetings planned for the season. In March we have a special speaker planned for the Club meeting, April brings us our annual "Picnic" as well as the "Lincoln Day Dinner", is in March. In May, we have our most famous and enjoyable "Spring Fling". And on top of that our Book Club is experiencing a popularity explosion. Folks it is time to join in, participate and attend all of these great club activities.

We have been very fortunate to have great speakers at all our meetings and it is with great pleasure and honor that we extend a grateful thanks to **Diane Nelson** for her presentation to our club at the February meeting. Diane has been a member of our club for many years and spoke many times. She has always been a strong contributor to our organization. We are very lucky to have such members as Diane. Thank you.

This month again, our **Sue Berfield** has invited a wonderful and special speaker, **Debby Pauley**. Debby is a Media Specialist and will present to us the current and changing role of media in its many forms and how to best interact constructively with it to our benefit. Please plan on attending our meeting on March 19 at 6:30 and if possible arrive early and meet Debby.

The PCREC is holding the annual "Lincoln Day Dinner" on March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Carillon. It is a wonderful affair and a great chance to meet our local Republican Officials. This year's speaker will be **Jeff Atwater**, Florida's Chief Financial Officer. If you are interested in attending this wonderful affair please see Pam McAloon or call 727-421-1608.

**Joe Barbara** has our "Picnic" off and running!!! The date is April 18, at John Chestnut Park, shelter No. 10. The time is from 11:30 until the fun runs out. The club will be providing the meat and paper products and dish ware. Please come, bring a dish to share and enjoy the company of our members and the beautiful park.

President Jim Downes

**NORTH PINELLAS REPUBLICAN CLUB MEETING**

*(3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Every Month) Bring a Friend-Bring ALL your Friends-Bring your Mom!!*

**7:00 PM-8:15 PM**

**Leo's Restaurant, 33286 US Hwy N., Palm Harbor.**

*March 19, 2015  
Leo's Restaurant*

*April 16, 2015  
Leo's Restaurant*

*May 21, 2015  
Leo's Restaurant*

**PINELLAS COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday March 9, 2015**

*(2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Every Month)*

**7:00 PM**

**The Twisted Martini (formerly Tucson's)  
13563 Icot Blvd. Clearwater, FL 33763**



# The Trumpeter

**North Pinellas Republican Club Newsletter  
March 2015**

Editors: Larry Marlin and Ellsworth Warmouth

## From The Editor

The "Tampa Bay Times" is a liberal biased newspaper. So, I wonder why people buy it when there is an alternative. I understand the argument that people need to subscribe to a local paper. Years ago I reluctantly subscribed to the St. Petersburg Times for that reason.

Now the Tampa Tribune prints a Pinellas edition called the "St. Petersburg Tribune". It pretty much covers the same stories at the Tampa Bay Times. The Tribune is a center-right newspaper, and is certainly much more conservative than the Times. For example, today's Tribune (Sunday, March 1st) had four conservative editorials. The Times had a liberal editorial and a PolitiFact article.

Speaking of the Time's PolitiFact, the internet is full of criticism of the paper's efforts here. Nearly all the criticism is based on PolitiFact's selection of people to investigate (most are Republicans) and the heavy handed negative ratings they give conservatives. Finally, the Times is owned by the Poynter Institute. Poynter appears to be the left-wing conscience for journalists. It has the gall to offer comments about journalistic ethics.

Maybe I'm wrong in my criticism of this left-wing, ethically challenged, sleazy paper. I would appreciate any inputs from members of the club. I'd be happy to print an article on the subject if a club member would like to submit one. Send your submission to [lpmarlin@yahoo.com](mailto:lpmarlin@yahoo.com).

## NPRC Meeting

The next meeting will be on February 19th at Leo's Restaurant, 33286 US Hwy 19 N., Palm Harbor. The Speaker will be **Debb Pauley**, Director of Communications for the City of Oldsmar. She will speak on the topic of Social Media.

Ms. Pauley has a diverse background in marketing and communications. In 2012, she launched a social media management company; contributing her time toward political campaigns to assist and manage social media platforms. These platforms allow the the candidate to interact, engage and expand his or her reach.

She is involved in the community serving on the Advisory Board for 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares, the Board of Directors for the Upper Tampa Bay Education Foundation, and political campaigns. She is a member of the PCREC.

## Upcoming Events:

Book Club Meeting: Thursday, March 12 at 6:30. The book club will meet at Club President Jim Downes' home (5730 Stag Thicket Lane, Palm Harbor). The book discussed will be *Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution* by Eric Foner. Any Club member is invited to attend, even if you haven't read the book.

Club Meeting: Thursday, March 19. 6:30 for dinner and 7:00 for meeting. The meeting will be at Leo's Restaurant, 33286 US Hwy N., Palm Harbor. Featured speaker will be Debb Pauley, Communications Specialist for the City of Oldsmar. Meals are from a set offering of three choices and cost \$15 cash. I had the Chicken Caesar Salad and it was quite good.

Lincoln Day Dinner: Friday, March 27 at 6:30 for reception and silent auction and 7:00 for dinner. The event will be at the Hilton Carillon Park, 950 Lake Carillon Park Dr., St. Petersburg. The featured speaker will be Florida Chief Financial Officer **Jeff Atwater**. Cost for club members is \$125. If you wish to sit at a NPRC table call **Rachelle Warmouth** at 727-734-7676 otherwise call 727-539-6009 or email [info@pinellasrepublican.com](mailto:info@pinellasrepublican.com) for reservations.

NPRC Picnic: Saturday, April 18 from 11:00 until ... whenever. at Shelter 10 in John Chestnut Park. Bring a dish. Joe will be cooking Venison and Beef. No cost, just a dish and your presence.

The Spring Fling: Saturday, May 2. No time yet. This signature event for the Club will be held at Ken and Adele Crompton's house, 2206 Gulf View Blvd, Dunedin. **Heather Johnson** chairs the Fling. Much more information in the next issue of the Trumpeter.

## February Meeting

The club met at Leo's Restaurant on February 19th. President gave a welcome address and former state representative **Jim Frishe** was at the meeting. Guest **Bruce Rector** was present. **Ron Walker** gave the invocation and Joe Barbara led the pledge of allegiance. President **Jim Downes** handled the welcome and turned the meeting over Vice-President **Sue Berfield** for introduction of the speaker, Tax Collector **Diane Nelson**. Diane went from clerk to tax collector. She is one of those individuals we like to celebrate who, through applied intelligence and hard work, move up the ranks. It is one of the things that makes America so great. Diane discussed many interesting aspects of her job from the number of phone call her department receives to the number of people paying taxes. She is also in charge of the Motor Vehicle office. She discussed some of the improvements the organization has made to better serve its large customer base. Finally, she told us her department is now the issuer of concealed carry permits. Interestingly, women now make up large percentage of those receiving carry permits. **James Turner** asked to speak concerning *The Veterans Post*, a newspaper which provides news covering military affairs to in excess of 500,000 readers. He says the paper was pretty much moribund, and he is trying to revive it. He is looking for people interested in advertising in the paper. You can view *The Veterans Post* at [www.veteranspostnews.com](http://www.veteranspostnews.com) or call Mr. Turner at 727-600-7458. At this point a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Vote taken and meeting adjourned.

## Book Club

The book club met at President **Pam McAloon's** lovely house on the gulf. "Killer Angels" by Michael Shaar was our topic. We discussed the Battle of Gettysburg and its overall impact on the Civil War. The book explained Commanding Confederate Generals Lee and Longstreet actions, and the Confederate strategy at Gettysburg. On the Union side, the book used Colonel Chamberlain and General Buford as the central figures. It discussed their ability to maintain an advantageous military position, thus defeating the South in this significant battle. The book discussed honor and dignity exhibited by Northern and Southern soldiers.

The book covered interesting items both small and large. For example, the Confederate submarine Hurley engaged a Union warship and sunk it. The Confederate ship was lost with eight crew members, making it a Pyrrhic victory. The discussion was lively, passionate, friendly and fun with people volunteering their views and interpretations. Pam provided great food and discussion leadership. Why don't you join us for the next book club meeting? It will be at Jim Downes' house, 5730 Stag Thicket Lane, Palm Harbor.

## Questions for members

President Jim Downes is interested in increasing membership in the North Pinellas Republican Club. He asked that we ask questions in each issue that might help him do that. Therefore, here are three questions:

Are you happy with where and when we meet? If not, do you have a suggestion for a different place or time?

Do you like the newsletter? If not, what should we do to improve it?

Are you happy with the programs? If not, do you have suggestions for other programs?

Please reply to me at [lpmarlin@yahoo.com](mailto:lpmarlin@yahoo.com) or to Jim at [j1downes@verizon.net](mailto:j1downes@verizon.net)

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## Tim's Topics: :

Netanyahu's Speech: A Churchill Warning  
by Tim Bryce

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke before a special joint meeting of Congress on Tuesday. Prior to his address, he was presented a special bust of Winston Churchill, the legendary PM of Great Britain, and only other person to address Congress three times. During his address, Netanyahu capably played the role of Churchill, warning America about Iran and the pending nuclear negotiation deal. This was similar to Churchill's warning America of the Nazi threat and the difficulties Britain faced.

During his speech, Netanyahu stressed the Iranian problem was not just a Jewish problem, but a world problem. He encouraged Congress not to consider the nuclear deal until such time as Iran ceases aggressions against its neighbors, stops supporting terrorism around the world, and stops threatening to annihilate the state of Israel. The only path to peace is if Iran changes its intentions and becomes a proper member of the world community.

Netanyahu's speech was brutally frank and factual. He told us what the president will not.

For several minutes during his 40 minute speech, he held the Congressmen spellbound as he lectured them about the realities of Iran.

So much so, you could hear a pin drop in the chamber. Such a speech was refreshing to hear as opposed to listening to politicians dance around a problem. This resulted in both Democrats and Republicans applauding Netanyahu zealously. Again, the parallel to Churchill was uncanny.

This speech was not about the relationship between the Israeli PM and the President. It was about finding peace in a practical manner, not by hoping Iran will change its ways.

Netanyahu's address was so powerful, he just established a template for politicians to follow as we enter the 2016 presidential contest. People want more facts and honesty, not more sound bites with superficial rhetoric.

## Notable Quotes

If people in the media cannot decide whether they are in the business of reporting news or manufacturing propaganda, it is all the more important that the public understand that difference, and choose their news sources accordingly.

[Thomas Sowell](#)

Immigration laws are the only laws that are discussed in terms of how to help people who break them.

[Thomas Sowell](#)

It is amazing that people who think we cannot afford to pay for doctors, hospitals, and medication somehow think that we can afford to pay for doctors, hospitals, medication and a government bureaucracy to administer it.

[Thomas Sowell](#)

People who enjoy meetings should not be in charge of anything.

[Thomas Sowell](#)

It is hard to imagine a more stupid or more dangerous way of making decisions than by putting those decisions in the hands of people who pay no price for being wrong.

[Thomas Sowell](#)

The more people who are dependent on government handouts, the more votes the left can depend on for an ever-expanding welfare state.

[Thomas Sowell](#)

President Obama seems completely unaware of how many of the policies he is trying to impose have been tried before, in many times and places around the world, and have failed time and again.

[Thomas Sowell](#)

<http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/t/thomassowe629323.html#1tw0L8Yr3dRvExW.99>