



September 2015 NPRC Newsletter 9th Edition
North Pinellas Republican Club

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This Month's Meeting

The next meeting will be held September 17th at Leo's Restaurant, 33286 US Hwy. N., Palm Harbor 34684. It will feature the Honorable (Judge) Mahlon F. Hanson. He will be speaking on immigration issues. Can there be a more relevant topic? Sue Berfield certainly knows how to pick the speakers and the topics.

Judge Hanson was appointed as a United States Immigration Judge at the Miami Immigration Court in March 1995 and served in that capacity until July 2010. He also served as a Staff Judge Advocate Officer in the United States Army while on active duty from January 1970 to November 1974. From November 1974 to June 1994, he acted as a Staff Judge Advocate Officer while in the United States Army Reserves at the 88th United States Army Reserve Command in Fort Snelling, Minnesota. While Staff Judge advocate, Judge Hanson served in many demanding judicial positions in his

civilian life. Judge Hanson received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1966, from the University of Minnesota and then his Juris Doctorate from University of Minnesota Law School in 1969. I'm impressed and I'm sure we all will be at the meeting. Bring your questions for this hot topic.

Last Meeting

The August meeting featured County Chairman Nick DiCeglie. He presented his plan for making the party more relevant and aggressive in supporting Republicans running for office. He noted the party affiliations between Republicans and Democrats are almost equal in the county. It seems a registration blowout by the Obama administration registered numerous Democrat voters and actually caused the Democrats to hold an edge, which is quickly being reversed. He pointed out the need for all our Republicans to be involved. He asked people to become involved with the party as a district chairman and part of the PCREC. Many of us have held that position and it can be both personally rewarding and helpful to the party.

Nick took several questions about the party's role in vetting candidates. He said the PCREC does take a role in developing new candidates. He says he is concerned with good candidates at the national and local level, but past experience has proved the county party functions best in helping local candidates. He noted we had lost control of the county commission and have to get that back. Also, developing local candidates helps the entire party because it not only improves local government, but it provides experienced people for state and national office as they move from school board, county commission, city commission, mayor, etc. to higher positions within the state and nation.

The meeting also saw the advent of a new program. Tim Bryce made a motion for "The Traveling Elephant". The concept is that at least five members of our club will go to another club with a model elephant. We will sit through their meeting and present the elephant to them. Then, the hope is, they will send a delegation to another club which will do the same thing. It is an effort to strengthen the bond among the 12 clubs in Pinellas.



The traveling elephant

Book Club

Our next book to be reviewed is " **The End of Order: Versailles 1919**", by Charles Mee. Was the Treaty of Versailles a major reason as to the cause of Germany's resurgence leading into World War 11? This book talks about the events that did lead up to the next big war!

Please join us as we discuss the historical significance of the Treaty of Versailles. There are two copies of this book available in the Library system. Please reserve yours now!! It is not a requirement for you to have

read the book in order to enjoy the discussion.. Bring a friend!!

Date: September 10th @ 6:30 p.m.

Venue: To be determined

Last book club meeting. Ken Crompton leading the discussion



Stuff that doesn't fit elsewhere else:

A regular attendee at recent club meetings has been former Florida House Whip Jim Frishe. He is now running for Property Appraiser. I think it is important to note when a person running for office shows up at local club meetings on a regular basis, not just to give a speech.

Tim's Corner

MAD AS HELL - by Tim Bryce

- "And I'm not going to take it anymore."



If Donald Trump contributed anything to the political process during this presidential election, he has called the American voter to arms over our dysfunctional government. People are mad as hell about such things as:

- Our weak economy and GDP.
- Unemployment and sending jobs offshore.
- Illegal immigration.
- Declining morality.
- Disrespect for law and order.
- Political correctness.
- Our Middle East policies.
- Energy dependence.
- An overbearing health care system.
- Our general lack of leadership in the world.
- Politicians more imbued with self-interests as opposed to their constituents.
- The decline of exceptionalism and the liberal agenda to transform America into a third world country.
- And much more.

Week after week, the Rasmussen polls tell us we believe the country is headed in the wrong direction. Congressional approval ratings are

incredibly low, and the president's ratings haven't been above 50% since 2012.

Voters are now expected to accept subservience to a bureaucratic government, a redistribution of wealth, to feel guilty about our religious faith, race and sexual orientation, and be burdened by oppressive laws and social mores. We now believe we no longer live in the same country we lived in just six short years ago and we're changing much too fast. It seems what is right is wrong, and what is wrong is right.

Our angst has gone well beyond being just irritated or perturbed, but blossomed into full anger. The fact Trump's campaign, someone not from the political world, rocketed to first place is indicative of the anger and mistrust of our politicians. It's beyond exasperating, it's transformative.

Unlike the Civil War which contested states rights versus federal, now we are faced with a reformation of the fundamental American way of life, and people do not like it. The voters believe politicians are bought and sold to the highest bidder, and as such, no longer represent the best interests of the people. It should come as no surprise, they feel abused and taken for granted by politicians. Nor do the people truly trust the press who has become the mouthpiece of a political ideologue as opposed to an independent, unbiased source of information. They too are bought and sold to the highest bidder.

Americans are now at a boiling point. The political pundits and press are well aware of this wrath, but choose to do nothing as it makes for great ratings.

This is all reminiscent of the 1976 movie, "Network," where TV newscaster Howard Beale (played by Peter Finch) touches an American nerve by briefly describing the problems of the country, but not knowing precisely how to solve them, he says, "All I know is that first you have got to get mad. You have got to say, 'I am a human being, goddamn it! My life has value!' So, I want you to get up now; I want all of you to get up out of your chairs; I want you to get up right now and go to the window, open it, and stick your head out, and yell, 'I'm as mad as Hell and I'm not going to take this anymore.'"

In the movie, the producers of the show are surprised when they discover the public responds by doing just as Beale requests.

If a newscaster today asked people to do the same thing, I am confident people would respond with the same vocal frustration as expressed in the movie. It would be an interesting experiment to schedule a specific date and time where the nation would be asked to yell out their window, "I'm as mad as Hell and I'm not going to take this anymore." The press, of course, wouldn't promote this concept as they prefer their control over the people thereby making them impotent. They know full well that an aroused public is more inclined to become active and vote thereby presenting a genuine threat to the status quo.

Let's hope we find a new Howard Beale well before the next election.

Keep the Faith!

"Network" movie clip -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZwMVMbmQBug>

Audio version of this column -

<http://www.phmainstreet.com/audio/pp150909.mp3>

Upcoming Events:

Book Club Meeting, Sept 10, 6:30. Venue and presenter are to be determined. The book discussed will be *The End of Order: Versailles 1919* by Charles Mee

General Meeting, September 17 at 7PM (6:30 for dinner and conversation) at Leo's Restaurant 33286 U.S. Hwy 19 N, Palm Harbor 34684. The speaker will be Judge Mahlon F. Hanson. Meal cost is \$15.

Chili Cook Off, The Chili Cook off is scheduled for October 24th from 5:30 to 8:30 at Lauralee Westine and Sheriff Bob Gualtieri's house. **See attached flyer for details and RSVP.** This is a major fundraising event for

the club. If you would like to help, please contact Rachelle Warmouth at 727-771-0940. Questions? Contact Sheila Waller at 727-771-0940. If you have items for the auction, call Maryellen Crowder at 727-698-3010. Items may be left at her house at 3417 Tanglewood Trail, Palm Harbor 34685.

Upcoming Meetings:

*September 17
Leo's Restaurant*

*October 15
Leo's Restaurant*

*November 1
Leo's Restaurant*

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PINELLAS COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday Sept 14, 2015 (2nd Monday of Every Month) 7:00 PM
Banquet Masters 13355 49th St N, Clearwater, FL 3376

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH - BY SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT

G. DAVID HOWARD

The political wisdom of a conservative comedian.

"Someone who truly gets it!"

Hosted by:
NORTH PINELLAS REPUBLICAN CLUB (NPRC)
<http://nprc.me/>
(or visit us on Facebook)

TO BE HELD AT:
Leo's Italian Grill
33286 U.S. Hwy 19 N
Palm Harbor, FL 34684
727/786-9110
(just north of Lucky Dill; opposite Publix)

Dinner: \$15



Stand Up Comedian, G. David Howard received the title, "Funniest Man Alive," from the Guinness Book of World Records, for performing 16 hours of straight, non-repeated joke telling.

He is a comedic legend, a world record holding funnyman, a published author, radio show host, singer/songwriter and hilarious entertainer. For over 40 years G. David Howard has made audiences laugh until their faces hurt, from Vegas, Atlantic City to Florida's west coast comedy scene.

Now he is bringing his political wit for one night only to North Pinellas where he will discuss his view of current political events.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 6:30PM

To learn more about G. David's take on politics visit him on the Internet:
His blog: <https://gdavidhoward.wordpress.com/>
He can also be found on Facebook.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to see one of America's true funnymen.



Open to all Republicans.

For info, contact: timb001@phmainstreet.com



The doors open at 6:30pm. The trouble begins at 7:00pm.

October meeting will be great fun with G. David Howard as entertainment!!!

