



**October 2015**

**NPRC Newsletter**

**9th Edition**

North Pinellas Republican Club

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## **The President's Letter**

Dear Members,

Well, the Presidential election season is heating up!!

I hope all of you are paying close attention to the Republican presidential candidates and their debates. We Republicans are very fortunate to have so many brilliant and highly talented individuals hearing the call. They are choosing to dedicate themselves to leading our nation back to greatness as the country of individual liberty!

Each day our country continues down the road to ruin. Our national debt continues to expand past \$19 trillion, work participation rate is down to 62%, our infrastructure is in ruins, our children's education is below the 1970 standards. Internationally our friends are afraid to count on us and our enemies are increasing in numbers and growing bolder. The Russians have been in the Ukraine for years and are now in Syria demanding the U.S. stop air force assistance. No response from our current Democratic government!

We need a strong capable Republican President. Our country needs someone to lead America back to a nation that cares first for all of its citizens and their future, provides the best education and opportunity for jobs, and extends the hand of friendship to other nations (that includes both loyalty and strong support}. We must lead our nation and friends to safety, and that requires a global assurance of security.

As citizens listen and learn more about our Republican candidates positions on the issues and their solutions, the party will gain greater respect. It will earn most people's faith that our nation will return to its role as the citadel of individual liberty.

WE can also contribute to returning our country to greatness. We can join other members at Tiffany's on debate nights. There we can learn about the issues and solutions. We can share our approach.

We can attend and bring a friend to the Chili Cook off this month and engage the local officials and candidates on issues pertaining to our county.

We can invite a friend to our October Club meeting to hear our guest speaker G. David Howard and encourage them to join the club.

And, in the winter and spring of 2016, we can assist our club in its efforts to provide local candidate debates on issues of county importance.

It is obvious to all of us that our country needs everyone's help. We Republicans know that better than most. Please attend our social "The Chili Cook Off", and the October Club meeting with G. David Howard. Join the debate gathering at Tiffany's! Resolve to lend a hand next year in electing our Republican candidates.

Thank you.

Your President,

## **This Month's Meeting**

As usual the next meeting will be held on the third Thursday (October 15) at 6:30 at Leo's restaurant, 33286 U.S. Hwy 19 N. This month will be an entertainment treat with comedian G. David Howard as our guest speaker. Mr. Howard has been active on the comedy circuit for many years. He recently decided to specialize in political humor with a conservative voice. I have never had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Howard, but I am really looking forward to this event. Tim Bryce approached Mr. Howard and was able to get him to commit to our meeting. We are taking reservations for this event as we expect a large crowd. Please email your reservations to Tim Bryce at [timb1557@gmail.com](mailto:timb1557@gmail.com). Make your reservations early. And, here is the best part: There is no added charge for this event. You will have an evening of entertainment for the price of dinner ((\$15). Finally, let me make an appeal to you to support our club. We will only be able to get good speakers and entertainment as long as we show up for them. Please considered going.

## **Last Month's Meeting**

The most recent meeting was "today's news" relevant. We had a outstanding presentation by Judge (Retired) Mahlon Hansen concerning immigration. He was an Immigration Judge for 15 years and also Staff Judge Advocate Officer in the Army. Judge Hansen oversaw the process of immigration and is convinced it serves both the individual and the country. He was appalled as he watched President Obama eviscerate that process. He felt the President turned the immigration policy into a chaotic and lawless system for people who did not have to prove themselves worthy of entering our country. He explained the dangers of a system disconnected

from judicial control. He answered questions about how the system works and why it has to work that way. Judge Hansen writes articles for an organization studying immigration issues. His organization recently started publishing papers in an prestigious academic journal. In the last edition he and a colleague submitted an article. The journal editors told him it would not be accepted because he used the term "Illegal Alien" which is the legal term for people who enter the country or remain in the country illegally. The article was rejected unless he changed the term to something more politically correct. He and his colleague refused, and are still in a battle with the editors of the journal. Such is the state of affairs in this country. We were lucky to have such a scholar speak to us. If you missed the meeting, you missed an important and educational presentation.

## **This Month's Book Club Meeting**

On Thursday, October 8th at 6:30 p.m., the NPRC book club will be discussing "**New World Coming: The 1920s And The Making Of Modern America\***", by Nathan Miller. The venue will be at Tapping the Vine restaurant located at 737 Main Street Suite 100 Safety Harbor, FL 34695 (Directly across from City Hall in Safety Harbor).

Come and discuss the changes that America was seeing post WW1 with prohibition and women's suffrage. This was also a time in which organized crime was birthed. It is not a requirement that you have to have read the book in order to join the meeting. Come and bring a friend, and enjoy the fun!!

Sincerely,  
Pam McAloon, Chairman

## **Last Month's Book Club Meeting**

The last meeting was at Ken and Adele Crompton's house. Thank you Ken and Adele. The presenter was Helena Nunn, and the book was "The End of Order: Versailles 1919", by Charles Mee.

Was the Treaty of Versailles a major reason in causing World War II? Participants felt the Treaty was a horrible document and did indeed lead to

the next war. Helena points out the author was certainly in the President Wilson's camp. Both the author and the president felt the world needed to exact vengeance on the German people. The impossible requirements in the treaty were sure to lead to the next war.

The meeting, Helena informs me, was, as always, lively and fun. She says she had some trouble maintaining order and believe me (I've been to these discussions) that is undoubtedly true. But, everyone was happy they attended, and more educated than when they arrived.

## **Tim's Corner**

THE DISPARITY BETWEEN CAPITALISM AND SOCIALISM - by Tim Bryce

- Do young people know the difference between the two?



I was recently invited to give a talk at a business conference designed to help high school seniors in our county who have an interest in pursuing a business career. Specifically, I was assigned two sessions to describe what the young person should expect as they make the transition to adult

life, which was based in large part on my book, "*MORPHING INTO THE REAL WORLD - A Handbook for Entering the Work Force.*"

I wore a suit and tie for the occasion to express my credibility and out of respect for my audience, even though none were older than eighteen years of age. This was going to be an unusual talk for me as I normally address adults, not youth. Because of this, I wanted to know a little about my audience. So, using a show of hands, I inquired where the students were from, such as their high schools, but I also flippantly asked how many were capitalists and, conversely, if there were any socialists present. I received a lot of blank stares on both accounts. This caused me to deviate from my planned program and deliver a mini-dissertation describing the differences. I contended in order to be successful in business, the students would be wise to know what each meant.

Interestingly, some were brainwashed into believing capitalism was evil and simply represented another form of greed. I contend greed is a human emotion, and can be equally applied under either system. Therefore, capitalism is not greed, it is a celebration of the individual's right to try and succeed. Whereas capitalism focuses on the rights of the individual, socialism concentrates on the rights of the group overall.

I explained, under capitalism the individual has the right to try his/her hand at anything they are so inclined, thereby representing freedom. They simply have the right to try, nothing more, nothing less. If they are lucky, they may succeed, but they also run the risk of failure. Failure is an inherent and important part of the system. There are no guarantees for success. This is why risk is important, to force the individual to work harder and smarter to avoid defeat. As such, capitalism encourages entrepreneurship (innovation and invention). If the person is successful, they are entitled to enjoy the fruits of their labor. If they are not, they must suffer defeat. This should force the person to redouble his/her efforts and try again which, of course, is evolution in action.

To encourage entrepreneurship, our founding fathers took steps to safeguard the intellectual property of the individual. This specifically includes Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, wherein the powers of Congress are defined. It states, in part, "*The Congress shall*

*have Power ... To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries;"*. This led to such institutions as the Patent and Copyright offices which were specifically designed to safeguard an individual's intellectual property. As early as 1790, the first patent and copyright were approved. At the time, safeguarding intellectual property in this manner was rare to the rest of the world. By promoting the entrepreneurial rights of the individual, our forefathers were embracing capitalism.

As mentioned, the focus in Socialism is on the group, not the individual. Here, the rights of the many take priority over the individual. Because of this, personal initiative is discouraged and the individual cannot endeavor to do better than the next person, and failure is prohibited; the group will always bail you out. There is no notion of assuming risk and being held personally accountable for your actions. All compensation is equitable among workers with no rewards for outstanding achievement or penalties for inferior workmanship. Intellectual property belongs to the group, not the individual. Consequently, this approach discourages entrepreneurship and tends to promote apathy.

The Achilles' heel of Socialism is the belief everyone is equal and, as such, should be treated and compensated on an equitable basis. On the surface, this sounds like a fair and noble notion. The assumption though is everyone works at the same level of effort and expertise which, of course, is simply not so. Restraining the individual from achieving higher levels of workmanship or striving for higher goals is unnatural and discourages the worker.

To summarize:

FOCUS -

Capitalism: The rights of the individual; the right to "try"; requires freedom.

Socialism: The rights of the group; collective decision making; regulations restrain the individual.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP -

Capitalism: Yes, encourages risk; enjoys fruits of labor; individual assumes personal responsibility; promotes evolution.

Socialism: No, discourages risk; individual cannot fail; encourages apathy, discourages change; unnatural.

#### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY -

Capitalism: Yes, belongs to the individual.

Socialism: No, property belongs to the group.

Before closing my talk, I encouraged the students to become familiar with the works of author Ayn Rand, particularly ["The Fountainhead"](#) (1943) and ["Atlas Shrugged"](#) (1957). Rand's work touted the need for individual achievement and capitalism, and saw them as two intertwined concepts.

In business, we have to be mindful of encouraging individual achievement and teamwork equally. We realize our team is as good as its weakest player, hence the need to encourage workers to strive harder for perfection. However, there will always be those people who will rise above others and it certainly wouldn't make sense to impede their growth.

*"But you say that money is made by the strong at the expense of the weak? What strength do you mean? It is not the strength of guns or muscles. Wealth is the product of man's capacity to think. Then is money made by the man who invents a motor at the expense of those who did not invent it? Is money made by the intelligent at the expense of the fools? By the able at the expense of the incompetent? By the ambitious at the expense of the lazy? Money is made--before it can be looted or mooched--made by the effort of every honest man, each to the extent of his ability. An honest man is one who knows that he can't consume more than he has produced."*

- Ayn Rand

## **News that doesn't Fit Anywhere Else**

Welcome back to the Ogdens. They were big in the club before they went to New York. Now they have returned and quickly joined the club (actually, even before they got here). I've seen them in person at the most recent meeting to I can attest to their arrival. Say hi to them next meeting.

## *Noah's Ark on Wheels Needs your help!*

The deluge of heavy rains and flooding that afflicted our region during early August has utterly crippled a visionary farm serving special needs children for over ten years.

Located in Odessa, Florida (north Tampa Bay area), this ministry has not only been victimized by heavy flooding but also by having no recovery under any flood insurance or FEMA funds. This catastrophic flooding has utterly threatened the very survival of this family and its mission to serve children. We need your help and gifts to float them to life again.

Obama vetoed Governor Scott's request for federal emergency relief funds for flooded communities in our area, so Noah's Ark is without any financial recovery solution. Extensive losses have resulted to their driveway, which as to be rebuilt, along with all food stuffs for the animals. They also had to replace electric and water supply pumping systems. This is catastrophic - their flooded land encompasses 8 acres under water out of 10. This family has adopted children out of the foster care system as well, some medically needy - and the farm's produce is also how they sustain their family.

Please help now - your generosity will help us resurrect this afflicted ministry to children. Thank you!

Online giving now at <https://www.gofundme.com/NoahsArkonWheels>

Mail donations payable to Noah's Ark on Wheels to: 12971 Tyler Run Ave.,  
Odessa, FL 33556

## **Upcoming Events**

*Book Club*, October 8 at 6:30 New World Coming: The 1920s And The Making Of Modern America\*, by Nathan Miller. The venue will be at Tapping the Vine restaurant located at 737 Main Street Suite 100 Safety Harbor, FL 34695 (Directly across from City Hall in Safety Harbor).

*General Meeting, October 15 at 6:30 (Conversation) 7:00 (Meeting)*  
Speaker will be comedian G. David Howard. The venue will be Leo's Restaurant, 3331 US Hwy 19 N., Palm Harbor.

*Chili Cook-Off October 24 at 5:30 to 8:30 Venue is 165 Annwood Road, Palm Harbor Details below:*



*N.P.R.C. is celebrating our 23rd N.P.R.C. 16th Chili Cook-off!*



This is the time to show off your talents! Bring your favorite Chili cooked and in a Crock Pot (Slow Cooker) or make some homemade Salsa Dip and get \$5 off the ticket price. You can also help make the evening enjoyable for all by supporting the club in the following ways:



Donate an Auction Item, such as Golfing Certificate, Restaurant Certificate, Hotel Getaway, Artwork, Jewelry, Wine or Beer Tasting, a Gift Basket. You can bring your donation to our next



meeting on Thursday, Oct. 15th or call Mary Ellen Crowder at 727-698-3010 to drop it off at her house by Monday, Oct. 19th.



Mail in your RSVP's to Sheila Waller at 468 Lakeview Drive, #19, Palm Harbor, FL 34683, see attached invitation or look for it on our website [www.NPRC.me](http://www.NPRC.me)

Sign up to take the Chili or Salsa Dip to the kitchen for the tasting.

Volunteer for the registration table, great way to meet new members and see old friends. Sign up at Thursday, Oct. 15th meeting or Call Rachelle 727-734-7676

Stay late and help pack up from the event!

With all our club members taking part in the event everyone will be able to mingle and enjoy the evening.

### *Upcoming Meetings:*

*October 15  
Leo's Restaurant*

*November 19  
Leo's Restaurant*

*Christmas Party  
Venue TBA*

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MONDAY October 12, 2015

Pinellas County Republican Executive Committee Meeting

6 PM Member Orientation 7 PM Meeting Begins

Guest Speaker: RPOF Chair Blaise Ingolia

NEW MEETING LOCATION: Feather Sound Country Club 2201 Feather Sound  
Drive

Clearwater, FL 33762

**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](mailto: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!!!

# Chili Cook-Off! Chili Cook-Off!

Looking for something **HOT** to do Saturday Night

**October 24, 2015**

5:30 - 8:30 PM

Come join the

**North Pinellas Republican Club**

for our annual

**Chili Cook-off and Salsa Dip Contest**

at the homestead of

**Lauralee Westine & Sheriff Bob Gualtieri**

165 Annwood Road, Palm Harbor, FL 34685

\$30 Per Person/\$25 with your Pot of Chili or Salsa & Chips

\$50 Per Couple/\$45 with your Pot of Chili or Salsa & Chips

If your payment is not received prior to the event,  
you will be charged an additional \$10 at the door.

Additionally R.S.V.P, no shows will be invoiced for payment.

If you're participating in the  
Chili Cook-off or Salsa and Chips Contest  
Make sure your entry is Registered by 5:45 PM

## AUCTION

If y'all will be ridin' on over, give a holler by returning the attached  
R.S.V.P. below with payment no later then  
Wednesday, OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

Questions Call: Sheila Waller 727-771-0940

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Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Check If Bringing: \_\_\_\_\_ CHILI \_\_\_\_\_ SALSA

Make Check Payable To: N.P.R.C.

Use enclosed envelope to mail back or

Mail To: Sheila Waller, N.P.R.C. 468 Lakeview Drive, #19, Palm Harbor, FL 34683

RSVP by Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

