



December 2015 NPRC Newsletter 12th Edition
North Pinellas Republican Club

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December's General Meeting. Because December is so busy, and the club is having a large Christmas Party, there will be no general meeting this month. The regular meetings will start again on the third Thursday in January.

November's General Meeting What an interesting meeting we had on November 19th at Leo's Restaurant. The speaker was Frank Wuco who is a retired intelligence officer. He had a very interesting career. Perhaps the most interesting was his time as the intelligence officer for a Seal Team. He related several anecdotes about this period of his life. Specifically, he described a meeting he had with the a ranking officer during the war in

Kosovo. The man was Muslim and told Frank that although they might work together in gaining the equipment for the war's participants, he would never believe anything Frank said because Frank was not a Muslim. When asked by an audience member if he thought President Obama might be a closet Muslim, given his obvious reluctance to criticize Muslim actions in the middle east, Frank replied he didn't believe Obama was. Rather, he felt, Obama was simply a Marxist, and was driven by that philosophy to take the positions he does. The questions went past the usual time a meeting would end because Mr. Waco had so many interesting aspects to his career and a willingness to discuss, with candor, individuals and world events. If you missed the meeting, you missed a first hand account of some very interesting aspects of the radical Islamic mind.

November Book Club Meeting The book discussed was actually two books. We had a choice. Most chose Amity Shales book "The Forgotten Man". The other choice was "The Great Crash" by John Kenneth Galbraith. However, offering the choice gave us the chance to contrast two very different views of the depression. The meeting at Bill and Joanne Hickman's began with an overview by moderator and club president Jim Downes. His 15 minute overview set guidance for the rest of the meeting. As usual, most everyone had an opinion and data to back it up, so the discussion was lively. In this case, we did have a long time banker and businessman, Bill Hickman to keep us on track concerning the technical aspects of banking and the Fed. Everyone left the meeting more educated than when they arrived and isn't that what we were all looking for?

December Book Club Meeting. On January 14th, 2016, @ 6:30 p.m., the NPRC Book Club will be discussing "**The Defining Moment: FDR's 100 days and the Triumph of Hope by Jonathan Alter.**

The book deals with the **Great Depression** and how Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who became President on March 4th, 1933, had to deal with millions of Americans who not only lost money in the stock market, coupled with bank failures but were left with little hope of employment. Roosevelt designed and implemented policies that we will explore at our next meeting.

Please join us for a lively discussion on this very important and volatile time in our American history. It is not required that you read the book in

order to both attend and enjoy the meeting. There will be refreshments provided. The location of the meeting is as follows: Ron Walker's house: 2524 Marina Key Lane, Clearwater 33763. In the Sunset Pointe Townhomes Community, behind Ashly Furniture at US 19 and Sunset Point Road.

Bring a friend!! See you there!!

Sincerely,
Pam McAloon, Chairman

Christmas Party The Marlin's address is 4798 Hampton Court, Oldsmar, FL 34677. Their house is located in East Lake Woodlands which is a gated community. However, it has two manned entrances. The best one to use is at East Lake Road and Woodlands Blvd.. Turn east at the traffic light at Woodlands Blvd. Drive to the first stop sign and turn left on East Lake Woodlands Parkway. There will be three entrances to Turtle Creek on the left as you travel north on East Lake Woodlands Parkway. Turn left into the third entrance (Christy Lane) Then, turn left at the second street (Turtle Creek Trail). Hampton Court is the next left. You may park on the street. It is easy to remember if you think after the stop sign make the third left, second left, then the first left. If you come through the Tampa Road Gate which is right across from the AMC theaters, you will have a longer drive, but you will get there. After you turn north on to East Lake Woodlands Parkway, drive about a mile and turn left on Woodlands Blvd. at the stop sign. Then, turn right on to East Lake Woodlands Parkway at the next stop sign. Turn left on Christy Lane and left on Turtle Creek Trail. Hampton Court is the next left. At either gate you will need to give your name and the address you will be going to (4798 Hampton Court), **My suggestion is you use a GPS to get to the house.**



North Pinellas Republican Club

*Invite you to our
2015 Christmas Party!*

This year's hosts are

Kim & Larry Marlin

*Eastlake Woodlands
4798 Hampton Court
Oldsmar, FL 34677*

Sunday, December 13, 2015

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

"N.P.R.C. Leadership Award"

*In the tradition of Cong. Bill Young our
2015 Christmas Sharing will be families from the
U.S. Coast Guard Air Station, Clearwater*

*Club Members please bring: an Appetizer or Dessert
and a monetary donation for our adopted families
would be appreciated.*

Guest Cost: singles \$20 and couples \$30

R.S.V.P. by: Thursday, December 10th

*By mail to Rachelle Warmouth 6 Eagle Lane - Palm Harbor, FL 34683 or
email: rwarmou1@tampabay.rr.com*



Starting the North Pinellas Republican Club

The following letter was the impetus behind the North Pinellas Republican Club. It was sent to Kim and Ron Walker. Ron shared it with me. It marks the beginning of the club over 35 years ago. (That's older than I am — ed. Just kidding). I think it is good for the club to have traditions and a sense of history. That is what this provides. He is also compiling a history. It would probably be interesting to have Jack Latvala, the founder of the club, provide a talk sometime about what it was like when he was starting it.

I remember when I first joined the club. I had been president of the Dunedin Club which was popular in the mid-nineties. Many people were members of both clubs, so I joined the NPRC also. Then, as now, it had a significant influence on the individuals serving in office. I remember the club in those years met at the Palm Harbor library. It had many good speakers and was a pulse for north Pinellas. Kim and I were so pleased when we came back to Pinellas and found the NPRC still operating.

This year has featured so many great speakers. It has certainly been a learning experience for me. There is not one meeting that was a bust, and that says a lot. So many people contribute to the club and make it great. I'm not going to mention names because I am fairly new to the club and I know I would miss people. But everyone seems to work well together.

When we first got back here the club was meeting in a free area provided by a civic minded individual who owned the shopping center. He was no longer able to provide us the space as we began 2015, so the new president, Jim Downes, was forced to switch venues. Leo's was the place. The start was rocky at times, but Jim felt it was important we maintain the same venue month after month. He was right. I see that now. The continuity was important. Leo's has grown with us.

As we end this year I think there is much to be proud of about our club. I have a feeling 2016 will be even better. Let's work together and make sure of that.

1583 Amberlea Drive North
Dunedin, FL 33528

July 18, 1980

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Walker
601 Wilkie Street
Dunedin, FL 33528

Dear Ron and Beth,

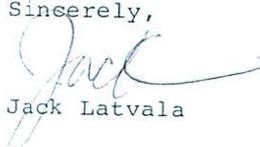
Several Republicans from our area recently met informally to begin organizing a new Republican Club for the Dunedin, Countryside and Clearwater areas. It is our hope that this club will strengthen the Republican party in our area of the county and will promote increased activity on behalf of Republican candidates in 1980 and in years to come.

We invite you to attend the first official meeting of the North Pinellas Republican Club, which will be a dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, July 21, at the Western Steer Family Steak House on U.S. 19 North at Countryside. Dinners may be ordered from the regular menu.

Our speaker for this first meeting will be Republican State Chairman, Henry Sayler, who will give us a first-hand report on the Republican National convention. In addition, business will include adoption of a constitution and by-laws, selection of temporary officers, and a decision on the site for future monthly meetings.

We certainly hope you will be with us on the 21st. Please feel free to invite others who you think would be interested in the club. So that we may have adequate space reserved, please make your reservations with me no later than Friday, July 18. You may call me at home 733-5973 or the office 433-1387.

Sincerely,


Jack Latvala

By the way, the first President was Jack Latvala. Both Ron and Kim became presidents of the club later.

Tim's Corner

OUR GROWING IMMIGRATION PROBLEM - by Tim Bryce

- And what should we do about it?

First, let's state the obvious; there are two interpretations of our immigration problem. On the one hand, there are those who claim we should show compassion and allow the illegals to stay in our country. On the other, there are those families who came to America legally, took classes and tests to learn about the American system and its history, and took an oath denouncing their native countries and pledged allegiance to the United States. This group of people, which includes most Americans, believe in the rule of law and followed the rules for immigration. Interestingly, it is this group which is accused of lacking compassion. Nothing could be further from the truth, they just recognize the proper process to become a citizen, worked hard to become one and rightfully believe they have been spit in the face by illegal immigrants, with the message being, "following the rule of law is for chumps."

Those in favor of allowing illegals to stay will claim opponents are "racist." They are also offended by the expression "illegal immigrants," preferring instead the politically correct terms of "unauthorized immigrant" or "undocumented immigrant." The expression "Anchor babies," denoting children of illegal immigrants born in this country, are also treated as politically incorrect. Such verbiage is a clever subterfuge to misdirect people from thinking of them as "illegal."

So, we have people who want to observe the rule of law and those who want to craft a compromise which, inevitably, is a refutation of our existing immigration laws. As an aside, the concept of "Sanctuary Cities," whereby illegals are offered a safe haven from prosecution, is also an affront to our immigration laws.

The only two politicians who have openly endorsed a "rule of law" approach thus far is Texas Senator Ted Cruz and businessman Donald Trump. In Trump's case, he cites the precedent of ["Operation Wetback"](#) under the Eisenhower administration which led to the deportation of a couple million illegal Mexican immigrants in the 1950's. Today, it is estimated there are over 26 million illegals in the country, maybe more, making deportation seem enormous, but the costs involved are pale in comparison to the benefits they receive in this country. To illustrate, a [2010 study](#) found illegal aliens impose more than \$113 billion per year in costs on the U.S. government at all levels, and pay only \$13.4 billion in taxes, creating an annual net fiscal deficit of almost \$100 billion, which has to be paid by U.S. taxpayers.

Again, the "compassionates" claim such a deportation is not right; as President Obama said, "That's not who we are as Americans." Speaker of the House Paul Ryan also appears unwilling to deport illegals. Further, former Florida Governor Jeb Bush said people coming here illegally is an "Act of Love." I am not sure about love, but it certainly isn't legal. However, it appears Cruz and Trump are the only two candidates with the stomachs to make hard decisions. Everyone else wants to dodge the question and handle it like a hot potato.

Whereas America wants a "kinder and gentler" approach to handling illegal immigrants, just about every other country has tougher laws against such people, including our neighbor to the south. Mexico welcomes only foreigners who will be useful to Mexican society. Illegal immigration is a felony there. If you try to enter the country under false pretenses or with false papers, there is a very strong chance you will be imprisoned for up to two years and incur a fine of three to five thousand pesos.

There are two parts to the problem; keeping illegals out, and what to do when we discover them hiding in our country, both of which the United States handles badly. If we truly believe in the rule of law, we must secure our borders. If this means a wall along our southern border, fine. In 2012, the Border Patrol caught 356,000 trying to cross illegally from the south. Obviously this does not include those who allude border agents which may be just as high, if not higher. Common sense would conclude we should use some of the \$100 billion we pay out to illegals, to build such a wall,

instead of allowing another generation of illegals into our country and doubling the amount of money to care for them.

To add to our problems, President Obama offered to accept thousands of Syrian refugees into our country. This hit a major stumbling block following the Paris attacks when several state governors openly objected to the immigration of what was perceived as a threat to our security. The president claimed it was "un-American" not to take in more Muslim refugees. Perhaps he considers it patriotic to allow entrance to unvetted people with a perceived inclination for terrorism. Or maybe he feels it is more important to care for these people as opposed to the 50,000 homeless American veterans who walk our streets. Somehow I believe we have our priorities wrong; instead of supporting thousands of possible security threats, we should help those who secured our freedom.

Whereas the president insists climate change poses an "immediate" threat to national security, I tend to believe it is our policies on immigration that is much more pressing at this time. Not only does illegal immigration provide a pathway for terrorists, but it promotes the proliferation of our drug culture, contributes to our national debt, and places a financial burden on the American taxpayer.

The question becomes, can we be compassionate without violating the rule of law? Certainly, but it begins with some form of legal process that identifies the illegal immigrants and checks their background. If they have any problems whatsoever, such as a criminal background, they should either be deported or jailed. A penalty of some kind should also be incurred for illegal immigration, thereby helping to pay for the benefits they have received.

Until they pay their fair share, as everyone else does, they are certainly not entitled to any benefits, nor do they have any special rights such as voting. They should only be allowed near a voting booth when they have become naturalized citizens. This should be obvious.

So, what is different between the Eisenhower years of the 1950's and today? Frankly, we've become a generation of wimps afraid to enforce the "rule of law." It appears we only follow it when it is convenient to do so.

Our strong sense of political correctness causes us to be overly sensitive to other people, but who are we concerned about upsetting? People who have no regard for our "rule of law" and become parasitic to the bounty this country offers? No, we do not need a more "kinder and gentler" approach. Instead, we need something that is "fair and equitable," as prescribed by law. Therefore, we should either enforce our laws or change them.

When we become more concerned with how we will be perceived on the world stage as opposed to standing on principle, we will always have a serious problem with immigration.

Keep the Faith!

Upcoming Events:

Christmas Party. This is the only event this month. It is on Sunday, December 13th at 4798 Hampton Court, Oldsmar Florida. Directions: The home is in East Lake Woodlands. Enter one of two manned gates. Both are at traffic lights. The easiest method is the entrance at Eastlake Rd and Woodlands Blvd. the other is Tampa Road and East Lake Woodlands Avenue. In either case stop at the gate and provide your name and the address (4798 Hampton Court). See more directions under "Christmas Party" earlier in the newsletter.

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NORTH PINELLAS REPUBLICAN CLUB MEETING

(3rd Thursday of Every Month except December and July) Bring a Friend

7:00 PM-8:15 PM

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

January 21,2016

Leo's Restaurant

February 18, 2016

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March 17, 2016

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