



## **March 2016 North Pinellas Republican Club 2nd Edition**

***Club dues are due. Dues are \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a couple. Please make check payable to NPRC and send to Ron Walker, Treasurer, NPRC 2524 Marina Key Lane, Clearwater, FL 33763. We are trying to get a new directory out by the end of March, so it is important you let us know you are a member.***

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## ***Commissioner Dave Eggers's Letter***

This is a new item in the Trumpeter. I asked various elected officials to write something for the newsletter. Commissioner Eggers very kindly agreed to be the first to submit a letter. I think you will really enjoy it. The Commissioner is right on top of the voter's frustration. He gives me hope for the county commission. Thank you Dave. — Editor

I wanted to thank you for allowing me to occasionally contribute to your newsletter. As this March newsletter comes out, I find myself thinking of the Florida primary and the heightened level of frustration citizens are feeling towards their elected officials. It is fascinating about the Trump and Sanders phenomena and equally perplexing how extremely qualified "mainstream politicians" are not showing well on many of the polls taken. Though I would like to think most of that frustration is directed at the state and federal levels, I am also sure that frustration is intended for some of us here close to home.

I encourage each of you to watch the candidates, talk about their positions with your friends and get involved with the person you want to entrust this country to for the next eight years. That person should be able to rally your party's choice after the nomination, work closely with your party during the next eight years and, frankly, be able to move this entire country forward on some common ground with the other party. This extreme divisiveness starts and ends with our elected officials but is also fueled by folks who do their excessive share of talking and not listening, in tearing down this country and not building it up, in complaining and not being a positive influence for change, and finally those who had rather forget how incredibly awesome our country has been and dwell too much on her faults. Remember, learn, listen, adjust, dream, energize and help this country get back on its feet again!

From my perspective, I know how frustrating we politicians can be. I know that cynicism about those in office is due to many reasons born

from a lack of confidence, trust and visionary direction and from the adage, “what difference will it really make anyway. They don’t listen.”

To you all that feel that way, I apologize for those of us who have let you down and made you doubt the system. I suspect that each of you love this country, know of her historic greatness, and though not perfect, know this country is still the best place to live, work and raise a family. So I ask you in like manner to hold onto the fact that many of your elected leaders work hard every day, listen to you all very intently, are honest law abiding residents, who too, love this country and who too, want to be a part of making her great again.

### **February General Meeting**

This picture is provided by the Hickmans. I was so interested in the debate, I forgot to take a picture. Thank you Bill and Joanne.



As usual, the club met at Leo’s restaurant on the third Thursday of the month. The meeting began with President Jim Downes making a pitch for the Lincoln Day Dinner. We are trying to put a table(s) together so club members can sit together. The paid tables are usually put in a better location and allow more cross conversation with people you know or you would like to know and who live in north Pinellas. He also asked everyone to make sure they have paid their dues for 2016. Dues are \$20 for a single membership or \$30 for two.

The speakers were Jim Frishe and Mike Twitty (listed in alphabetical order). Both men are running for the Property Appraiser’s position. That office will be without an incumbent this year as NPRC member Pam Dubov is not running. The two men held a debate with Sue Berfield reading the

questions provided by club members. The debate was really a pleasure. Both men were gentlemen who seemed to like and respect each other. I did not hear the terms “liar” or “loser” one time. Additionally, Sue was an unbiased questioner and the questions from the audience were substantive and important. I could not detect any “gotcha” questions. I was so proud of our club. I was also surprised that I was really interested in a debate by candidates for property appraiser. I did not realize how much a property appraiser does. They talked about different methods of appraising and how the Save our Homes affects appraised value after a sale. Taxes may rise significantly. They both felt informing buyers about the appraisal affects of a sale are very important. I felt myself going back and forth concerning which one would be the best in the job. Jim has a great real estate sales background, and had served twice in the state house of representatives. Mike had a stellar background in appraising and has a fantastic education in that specialty. Good luck to both of them.

**March General Meeting.** As usual, the meeting will be held on the third Thursday of the month (March 17 this month). The venue is Leo’s Restaurant, 33286 US 19 North, Palm Harbor. This month’s speaker is Paul Rozelle. He is Senior Associate Counsel for the Pinellas County Sheriff’s office, the fifteenth largest sheriff’s office in the nation. As Counsel to the sheriff, he represents the agency and its deputies and provides legal-based education and training. This includes teaching the agency’s concealed weapons permit and firearms safety class offered several times a year, free-of-charge, to county residents. That is quite a deal. Mr. Rozelle grew up in Seminole County, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, and has a master’s degree in history from the University of North Carolina. After graduating from Duke Law School, *Magna Cum Laude*, he practiced law in Boston, MA and Columbus, OH before coming to his senses and returning home to Florida. He and his wife Susan have two children and live in St. Petersburg.

**Book Club Information.** The February meeting was held at Pam MacAloon’s waterfront home. The food and atmosphere were great for this discussion of the very interesting book *Presidential Courage*. It covered events from nine presidents in office and judged them on courageous decisions they made. Pam led a lively discussion not only discussing the courageous event during each president’s time in office, but also discussing

if the event was really so courageous, Several people, including Pam, wondered why the author chose certain events. Pam, as moderator provided organization to the meeting, and, if you've been to a book club meeting, you know this is not so easy to do with so many intelligent, knowledgeable and gregarious members. This meeting was well attended with about 15 or so members present.

The next book to be discussed will be ***Presidential Leadership*** by James Taranto. The meeting will be held at Adele and Ken Crompton's house Thursday, March 10th, at 6:30 pm. The address is 2940 Country Woods Lane (off Curlew).

The author, *Wall Street Journal* editor James Taranto, with contributions from the Federalist Society, ranks the Presidents from best to worst. Other contributing authors and essayists such as Lynn Cheney weigh in on these evaluations. The book includes a foreword from William Bennett.

We hope you will be able to attend. Please RSVP at [pmaloo@aol.com](mailto:pmaloo@aol.com) if you can attend. There will be lots of discussion, food and fun.

As always, **it is not a requirement for you to have read the book in advance.** Bring a friend. See you there!!!

Sincerely,

Pam McAloon, Chairman

## **Tim's Corner**

GREETINGS FROM PLANET NINE - by Tim Bryce

- The new Hollywood.

Last month, scientists at the California Institute of Technology claim to have discovered a new planet, temporarily named, "Planet Nine." This was welcome news since Pluto was downgraded to "dwarf planet" status.

Planet Nine is said to be 10 times bigger than Earth, and as the farthest planet in our solar system, it takes approximately 20,000 years to complete one orbit.

In truth, the planet was discovered eight years ago but has been kept secret by developers who are turning it into a luxurious retreat where Hollywood celebrities will be moving following the election of Donald Trump as President in 2016. Insiders claim the new planet will be dubbed "Hollyworld." and celebrities have already mapped out spacious estates. One developer was quoted as saying the smallest property will make the Ponderosa seem puny.

In addition to homes, a massive media infrastructure is planned so entertainers can continue their work there and is said to include studios for motion pictures, television, radio, music, etc. Although travel to and from the new planet would normally take years using conventional spacecraft, technicians have finally unlocked the secrets of beaming technology as introduced by Gene Roddenberry, the creator of "Star Trek." This reduces the amount of travel from years to minutes.

The project is a joint venture by Hollywood entertainers and the main street media. It was kept secret so the founders could finalize plans for a new form of government and policies. Breitbart broke the story after stumbling on a planning session at the New York Times. Among the decisions outlined include:

- \* A massive government infrastructure will control everything. You will not be able to do anything without a permit. As such, it will be the largest employer on the planet, followed by 7-11 clerks. Nonetheless, Civil Servants will run the world.
- \* There will be no taxes; everyone will be required to turn their assets over to the state for safekeeping and financing the world. This means there will be no theft or burglary, but little in terms of employment as everyone will be classified as wards of the state.
- \* Energy will be furnished exclusively by solar wind farms. Without petroleum, there will be no pipelines or carbon emissions other than the hot air from the inhabitants. Interestingly, there is a genuine concern for the polar caps melting, even though the planet is the farthest from the sun.

\* Guns are not permitted, which explains why there will be a major drug culture on the planet. Meth labs will operate 24/7.

\* A complete program of socialized medicine will be available to inhabitants. Everyone will be entitled to free health care, generously paid for by the celebrities. Hospital doctors and nurses will work for the government.

\* Illegal immigration will be permitted and illegal immigrants will be allowed to vote in elections, as well as those deceased and buried on the planet. It is expected, immigrants will come from Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Mexico, of course.

This social paradise, codenamed as "Obamanation," has been under development for six years and will likely be occupied following the presidential election in November. In addition to estates for elite Hollywood celebrities, a major section has been reserved for the Main Street Media, tentatively named "Fantasyland."

It is expected California Governor Jerry "Moonbeam" Brown will be named the planet's first "Chief," a title selected in honor of Native Americans and the Washington NFL franchise. No word yet as to who will fill the seats for the Secretaries of Karma, Inner Consciousness, and Meditation.

In related news, Donald Trump announced a new magnetic beam that is reported to be so strong, it can release a planet from the solar system thereby allowing it to float out into space. Americans eagerly await the first demonstration so that Earth may return to normal.

Keep the Faith

**Join the North Pinellas Republican Club Table for The Lincoln Day Dinner!** The Lincoln Day Dinner will be on March 12. The Reception is at 6:30 with dinner at 7:30. Cost is \$130 per person for PCREC Members or Republican Club Members (otherwise, it is \$160). If you would like to sit with the North Pinellas Republican Club please make your check out to "NPRC." Send it to: Ron Walker, NPRC Treasurer, 2524 Marina Key Lane, Clearwater, FL 33763. **BTW, the County Republican Party announced**

**the Lincoln Day Dinner speaker will be Nikki Haley, Governor of South Carolina.**

***Upcoming Events:***

**Book Club.** March 10, 6:30 PM @ Adele and Ken Crompton's home, 2940 Country Woods Lane, Palm Harbor. Book to be discussed is *Presidential Leadership* by James Taranto.

**Lincoln Day Dinner.** March 12, 6:30 PM for general reception and silent auction. 7:30 PM for Dinner. Venue is The Hilton Carillon Park, 950 Lake Carillon Dr., St. Petersburg 33716.

**General Meeting.** March 17th, 7:00 (Pre-meeting conversation at 6:30) @ Leo's Restaurant, 33286 Highway 19 North, Palm Harbor 33286. Speaker will be Paul Rozelle, Senior Associate Counsel for the Pinellas Sheriff's office.

**Picnic.** April 2nd @ John Chesnut Park. Time and specific location to be announced.

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