



September 2016 North Pinellas Republican Club 9th Edition

Save the date: The Chili Cook-off will be on October 1st!!!!!!

If you pay your 2017 dues by November 1, 2016, you will be a member for all of 2017 as well as November and December 2016. Please make check (\$20 single/\$30 couple) payable to NPRC and send to Ron Walker, Treasurer, NPRC 2524 Marina Key Lane, Clearwater, FL 33763. New Directory available.

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August Meeting. The August meeting took place on Thursday, August 18 at Leo's Restaurant. The speakers were three individuals running for the School Board. Jim offered special recognition to former Congressman Mike Bilirakis and his wife Evelyn. They have always been great friends of the club and its members and their presence brightened the meeting. Jim also presented a review of items from earlier in the month including the gun training course at Reload. Nine individuals attended the course where they learned gun safety, laws concerning gun use, and reciprocity throughout the country. Rachelle Warmouth reminded us the Chili Cook-off is scheduled for October 1. It will again be held at Sheriff Gualtieri's house. Rachelle needs volunteers to help set up for the party and find silent auction items. Contact people are Heather Johnson and Karen Ogden. Ron Ogden asked members to review the new directory and contact him with changes. He also wanted to recognize some individuals who provided help in producing the directory. Rachelle Warmouth, Ron Walker, Karen Ogden, Jim Downes and Jackie Brownhill were especially helpful. Vice President Berfield introduced the speakers. All are running for the school board. First speaker was Carol Cook who has been a School Board member for 16 years. She is running for reelection for Seat 5. She listed several positive statistics for our Pinellas Public Schools and stressed her experience as a teacher in the county schools. The second speaker was Bill Dudley who is running for an at-large seat. He coached several teams at Meadowlawn Junior High and later at Northeast High school. After retiring, he served 8 years on the St. Petersburg City Council. He was chairman in 2014. The third speaker was Mike Petruccelli who is also running for Seat 5. He and his children are all products of Pinellas Schools. He is a real estate and insurance broker from Indian Shores and currently sits on the Indian Shores Town Council. He is concerned our schools are not doing a good job. He mentioned 40 percent of the students are not performing at their grade level. By the time you get this newsletter, we will know who won the races.



Carol Cook



Mike Petrucelli



Bill Dudley

September Meeting. This is certainly going to be a good meeting. Our speaker is political activist Barb Haselden. Barb was the chairman, face, and voice of “No Tax for Tracks” and beat the political establishment in a landslide. She was up against most of the political establishment as well as at least two well-funded non-profits, a heavy-handed bureaucracy, and two newspapers. Many suggest, with good reason, that the head of PSTA was hired to push this light rail system. Most of Barb’s opponents were well paid for their efforts, but she worked for free. She could not come to an earlier meeting because she was a delegate to the Republican Convention. This lady can tell us about how to fight a tone-deaf government and win. Can there be a more important topic in this election year? Barb is owner of an insurance company and has been involved in business (not politics) most of her life. She’s been a talk-show host, and has appeared on Fox Business with Neil Cavuto. If you want to know how to fight City Hall or Washington, come to this meeting. [Full disclosure: I worked with Barb in the No-Tax-for-Tracks effort. *Ed. Larry Marlin*].

Traveling Elephant. Five of us attended the Greater Largo Republican Club meeting. We took with us our porcelain elephant to present to them. Ed Hooper, the club president, graciously welcomed us and explained that

the next step was for the Largo Club to take the Traveling Elephant to another Pinellas Republican club. This program, developed by Tim Bryce, is an effort to get better cooperation and friendship among clubs throughout the county. It worked for me. I found the Largo Club people to be friendly and interesting. Hope the Traveling Elephant continues its journey.

Book Club Meeting The books discussed Thursday evening, August 11th, centered upon the flawed characters of both Bill and Hillary Clinton. The book "Crisis of Character" by Gary Byrne, exemplified problems within the White House. He demonstrated how the Clinton's attempted to blame the Monica Lewinsky case on the Secret Service, and have his Cabinet members, who were not aware of his misdeeds or did not know for certain, testify publicly on behalf of Bill. He could have stopped this fiasco by just telling the truth at any time. The book also mentioned how complicit the First Lady was and her obnoxious attitude toward the White House staff. The other book discussed was "Clinton Cash" by [Peter Schweizer](#). This is also a movie, and is about the Wall Street and foreign deals done involving the Clinton Foundation and its questionable legitimacy. John Halpin presented these books and did a thorough job. Thank you, John.

Our next book club meeting is scheduled for September 8th, 6:30 p.m., at Luba Silverman's house. Her address is 1555 Laney Drive, Palm Harbor. The book we will discuss is *Night* by Elie Wiesel. The following hyperlink takes you to the downloadable pdf. You do not have to buy or check out the book since you can pull it from your computer. [NIGHT by Elie Wiesel](#). The book is about and by Elie Wiesel. He was a Holocaust survivor and just recently passed away. Wiesel wrote about the rise of the Third Reich and how a seemingly civilized society became captive to this horrific and brutal form of government. He also wrote about his survival as a teenager in the Nazi death camps. Please RSVP to pmaloo@aol.com if you are able to attend. You do not have to read the book. We welcome you. Bring a friend!!!

Sincerely,
Pam McAloon, Chairman

PCREC Picnic. The North Pinellas Republican Club team sponsored a "half" table at the Pinellas County Republican Executive Committee picnic

in early August. The team included Jackie Brownhill, Jim Downes, Helena Nunn, and Ron and Karen Ogden. We passed out literature and invited guests to sign in to the club's registry, thereby developing a list of Republicans who we can ask to become members in the near future. Many other members of the club attended, not only for the fun of taking part in the picnic and networking, but also to represent a wide range of candidates for different offices. These included such north county stalwarts as Gus Bilirakis, Carol Cook, Chris and Jack Latvala, Julie and Ken Peluso, and Chris Sprowls (with regrets to those who also made the effort to attend and whose names I have not included). The hot dogs, hamburgers, and salads offered were very tasty, and the locale, the Feather Sound Country Club, was very comfortable. It was a nice Sunday afternoon on Republicanism." *[written by Ron Ogden]*

Shooting Course. On August 13, nine members of the North Pinellas Republican Club — six women and three men — earned diplomas showing they passed the Florida Concealed Weapons class that the club organized. The three-hour class, which included live firing of a .22 caliber pistol, took place at the "Reload" Range on US 19 in Tarpon Springs, under the direction of Steve Hendershott, a licensed firearms instructor who is also a member of the club. Each participant paid the required fee to take the course. Reload courteously offered a discount to members.

The class began at 10 a.m. with computer-based registration, and then it moved to a nearby classroom. Steve taught the class about legal aspects of carrying a weapon in a concealed fashion in Florida. He showed a map of other states where Floridians enjoy reciprocal rules—and the states, particularly in the Northeast, where they do not. He strongly addressed safety issues, and after two hours the class moved to the firing range. Each participant fired several rounds with a Smith & Wesson pistol the range supplied. Each student had to show competency in loading the gun's magazine, inserting it in the gun, pushing the slide action to load a cartridge in the chamber, aiming the gun, firing it, hitting the target, and then unloading the gun. All while strictly following safety procedures. The club organized the class after members showed strong interest in a presentation made earlier this year by a lieutenant in the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department. Because this event was successful, there is a good

chance it will be repeated next year. A person who is well known in local politics but who is not a club member has already contacted the club to express interest in the next class. [*written by Ron Ogden*]



Ace Shooters

Trump Rally. I attended the Trump rally at the Fair Grounds on 8/24/16. Long wait, but it was worth it. Trump did an excellent job of exciting the crowd and staying on message. Rudy Giuliani introduced Trump and was on fire. He was greeted with cheers from the enthusiastic crowd and

responded with an excellent speech based largely on his prosecutorial experience. He deconstructed Hillary's entire campaign. The audience responded with chants of "Lock her up! Lock her up! Lock her up!" and "Rudy! Rudy! Rudy!" The Donald attacked Hillary with strong statements of fact and logical connections. For example, people gave to the Clinton Foundation and were suddenly given access to the State Department and Hillary. Additionally, Bill got great speaking fees. When Trump attacked the press, the crowd turned toward the cameras and chanted "Do your job! Do your job!", and loud "boos" because it was obvious the media were not doing their job. Our communications director, Tim Bryce, was kind of caught in the line of fire because he sat in the press area. The crowd didn't mean you Tim. :) Anyway it was a great event and I'd encourage you to attend one of Trump's rallies if you have a chance. [*written by Larry Marlin*]

Tim's Corner.

Trump Withdrawing from the Race? Bwahaha! - by Tim Bryce

- Regardless of what the press says, it's not going to happen. I have been reading columns in the media predicting GOP candidate Donald Trump will be withdrawing from the presidential race soon. I have read these articles carefully and can only explain it as wishful thinking on the part of the Democrats, the "Never Trumps," and the Media Industrial Complex (MIC). Such claims are designed to convince the public the race is all but over. Nothing could be further from the truth. They obviously do not understand the character of Mr. Trump. For example, I have never met a businessman worth his salt who is afraid of a fight, particularly a Type A personality such as Mr. Trump.

After running for office for one year, the press should realize Mr. Trump is a fighter. If he is guilty of anything, it is underestimating the MIC. He now realizes there is a significant difference between running for the nomination, and running for president. Whereas the press initially thought of him as nothing but a curiosity to help boost television ratings, they never imagined he would make it this far. Now that he has, they are under orders to take him down. For example, the Washington Post formed a special SWAT team to dig up any possible dirt in Trump's past, and to hound him on the campaign trail.

Trump is fully aware the MIC is viciously chasing him, and realizes they will attack him over the slightest word he says out of turn. Such a tactic is aimed at inhibiting Mr. Trump, particularly with the debates coming. However, Trump has little use for political correctness, as do his supporters. Knowing this, Trump has accelerated his attacks on the Democrats and the press which frustrates their ability to corner him. He does it now with such regularity, it is no longer newsworthy.

Mr. Trump is fully aware his real enemy is not Mrs. Clinton but her attack dogs from the media. He correctly observed, "If the disgusting and corrupt media covered me honestly and didn't put false meaning into the words I say, I would be beating Hillary by 20 percent."

The Trump organization is now preparing a survey to analyze how his supporters judge the press, which should be released soon. Frankly, I do not believe there will be any surprises, but it will confirm the general belief the press is untrustworthy.

What disturbs the MIC most, is that Trump has a substantial number of supporters who agree with his positions and appreciate his anti-political correctness rhetoric.

The polls claim Mrs. Clinton is still ahead, but the press refuses to acknowledge Trump is drawing more people to his rallies than Hillary, and has a much larger presence on social media. For example, on Twitter, Mr. Trump currently has 10.9 million followers, to Mrs. Clinton's 8.3 million; on Facebook, Mr. Trump has 10.3 million followers, to Mrs. Clinton's 5.5 million. Such disparity in numbers makes one wonder why the polls do not reflect a similar difference. Then again, the reliability of the polls are also coming under scrutiny.

So, is Trump ready to bailout as the pundits claim? Bwahaha! Now that he knows who the real enemy is, he has just begun to fight.

I cannot wait for the debates.

Keep the Faith!

Upcoming Events:

Book Club. *Thursday September 8th @ 6:30 PM. Venue is Luba Silverman's house, 1555 Laney Drive, Palm Harbor. The Book for discussion is "Night" by Elie Wiesel. Refreshments served.*

General Meeting. *Thursday September 15th @ 7:00 PM. Venue is Leo's Restaurant 33286 U.S. Hwy 19 N. Conversation and meal at 6:30 PM. Speaker is Barb Haselden, citizen activist.*

Chili Cook-off. *Saturday, October 1 @ A time to be announced. Venue is the Gualtieri's, 3380 Tarpon Woods Blvd. Palm Harbor. Palm Harbor. If you would like to help, please contact Rachelle Warmouth at 727-734-7676, Heather Johnson 459-8181 or Karen Ogden at 727-465-8799.*

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