



November 2016 North Pinellas Republican Club Edition 11

Have you noticed our newsletter is the Trump-eter. Karma?

Please Vote

**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. Also, if you pay your dues at the Christmas party you get in free.***

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**KEN BURKE, CPA**

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Pinellas County, Florida

***October General Meeting.*** The club met, as usual, at Leo's Restaurant 33286 U.S. Hwy 19 North in Palm Harbor. President Jim Downes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Ron Walker gave the invocation and Ron Ogden led the pledge. Ron Ogden

announced the club was now a member of the Pinellas Chamber of Commerce. Rachelle Warmouth gave a summary of the Chili Cook-off. *First she asked everyone involved to stand and be recognized. The Chili Cook-off took place at Sheriff Gualtieri's house. 125 people attended. Adele Crompton won the Chili Cook-off contest for best Chili. Rachelle Warmouth won the Salsa contest. Revenue from the Cook-off was \$3,325. There were \$1,111 in expenses to date. There was an in-kind donation of \$198 for color invitations and envelopes. The nominating committee announced its nominees for the next two years.*

<i>President</i>	<i>Ron Walker</i>
<i>1st Vice President (Programs)</i>	<i>Ken Peluso</i>
<i>2nd Vice President (Membership)</i>	<i>Ron Ogden</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Larry Marlin</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Ellsworth Warmouth</i>
<i>Director</i>	<i>Sue Berfield</i>
<i>Director</i>	<i>Jim Downes (Immediate Past President)</i>

There was one nominee from the floor. Jackie Brownhill nominated John Keller for a director's position. Pam McAloon announced meetings to prepare people for sign waving. Contact Pam at [pmaloo@aol.com](mailto:pmaloo@aol.com) if you want to get involved in north county sign waving.

Kim Berfield introduced the speaker, Clerk of the Court Ken Burke. Ken has a long history of community service and honors. He is also a member of the Charter Review Commission. This is an important group that meets every 20 years to propose changes to the constitution. It meets in 2018. Its proposals do not have to pass the demanding requirements others must meet. Ken says there are dangers to this commission. I'm glad he is on it. Ken did explain some of the arcane wording of the Charter Amendments. He also expressed some concern for putting too many amendments into the state constitution. He pointed out many of these could be handled as bills by the legislature. He further pointed out that once an item is in the constitution, it is hard to get out. Overall it was an interesting presentation for an important and difficult topic. Although Ken did offer his take on some of the amendments, he mainly stuck with reviewing what they meant, and some suggestions as to unintended consequences. For example, reducing the number of signatures for an amendment might help get term limits

passed, but might also allow small groups to get amendments on the ballots. Thank you Ken. President Downes closed the meeting at 8:15.

**November General Meeting.** The meeting will be at our usual venue, Leo's Restaurant, 33286 US19 N, Palm Harbor. This meeting will not feature a speaker as it will be devoted to choosing the board for the next meeting. Bring your comments and ideas for the members. The Nominating Committee will present its slate for vote. This is your chance to vote for candidates you want to be the club leaders for the next two years. Review the proposed ballot and vote. You may nominate others from the floor. The Nominating Committee's recommendations are just that — recommendations. This is a time for discussion of the club's direction in the next two years. Various other required events may take place. Any member who has paid dues by September 1st is eligible to vote at the November meeting.

**November Book Club Meeting.** Dear Book Club Members: I want to thank Sheila Waller for providing the Book Club with a lovely place to hold the meeting, and for her warm hospitality. We covered Metaxas' book "If You Can Keep It". I should add that everyone thought that book was outstanding. The next book selected for the 2nd Thurs in Nov. is Craig Shirley's "Reagan's Revolution: The Untold Story of the Campaign That Started It All". The meeting place is yet to be determined. Contact Pam ([pmaloo@aol.com](mailto:pmaloo@aol.com)) or Helena ([hunn47@yahoo.com](mailto:hunn47@yahoo.com)) for venue. (Written by Helena Nunn).

**The Chili Cook-off.** The famous Chili Cook-off was held at Sheriff Gualitarie's home on October 1st. It was fantastic. The food was great and there was plenty of it, including, of course, chili and dip. The setting was wonderful for the 125 people who attended, and the weather was perfect. What more could you want? Hope you were there. Rachelle proved herself to be an excellent auctioneer as well as event coordinator. Those of us who received her instructions the last couple days know she misses nothing and keeps pushing. It payed off. I've included pictures compliments of Bill and Joanne Hickman.











**Christmas Party.** The Christmas party will be at Kim and Larry Marlin's home which is 4798 Hampton Court, Oldsmar (East Lake Woodlands) on Sunday December 11th from 5 PM to 8 PM. It is free to members and if you pay your dues at the party, it is free to you. Please mark the date. More information in next news letter and flyer to be sent shortly.

## **Tim's Corner.**

### **Why are they fighting so maliciously if they are winning?**

by Tim Bryce

If you think the Republicans are nervous about the upcoming election, the Democrats are petrified. In all likelihood, the GOP will retain both the House and the Senate, but the real prize will be the White House, and regardless what the news media claims, Donald Trump has a legitimate chance of winning the presidency.

What are the indicators of the Democrat's fear? Several come to mind:

\* First, a parade of women suddenly materialize claiming sexual misconduct by Mr. Trump. Instead of attacking Mr. Trump when these acts allegedly occurred, they waited until the last few weeks of the election to voice their concern. Coincidence? What better way to deflect criticism from the Wikileaks e-mails, describing Mrs. Clinton's many indiscretions, than to create a diversion? The Democrats are counting these accusations of sexual misconduct will be more of an affront to voters than such things as "pay for play" reaping millions of dollars for the Clintons and compromising the integrity of the State Department.

\* Unlike Trump television commercials describing his policies, Mrs. Clinton's ads attack and demonize Trump's character. In other words, keep the negative spotlight away from Hillary.

\* Democrats have been caught on video plotting violence to combat the Trump campaign, then actually blaming him for causing it, which is a rather creative twist of logic.

\* The Democrats are relying heavily on the news media to protect Mrs. Clinton from accusations and attacking Mr. Trump viciously. Consider this, whereas the reports of alleged sexual misconduct by Mr. Trump are on the front page of the news, Mrs. Clinton's Wikileaks problems and the plots of violence by the Democrats are untouched by the main street media.

As of this writing, ABC's latest presidential poll claims Mrs. Clinton leads Mr. Trump by a whopping twelve point lead. Should Trump win the election, this poll will become prima facie evidence of the corruption of the news media and prove Trump's assertion that the system is rigged.

All of these indicators add up to one thing, the Democrats are really scared about the outcome of this election and are working overtime to sabotage it. One thing is for sure, if they were legitimately winning this contest, they wouldn't be fighting Mr. Trump so viciously.

Keep the Faith!

### ***Upcoming Events:***

*Book Club Meeting. November 10th @ 6:30. Venue to be announced. The Book to be discussed is "Ronald Reagan: The Untold Story of the Campaign That Started It All" by Craig Shirley. All welcome even if you didn't read the book. Contact Pam McAloon at [pmaloo@yahoo.com](mailto:pmaloo@yahoo.com).*

*General Meeting. November 17th @ 7:00 (conversation and meal starts at 6:30). Venue is Leo's Restaurant 33286 U.S. 19 N., Palm Harbor. There will be no speaker for this meeting since it is the election meeting.*

*Christmas Party. December 11th @5:00. Venue is Kim and Larry Marlin's, 4798 Hampton Court, Oldsmar 34677. East Lake Woodlands. Cost is free to members. If you have not joined, you can join the club at the door and get in free. Catered food. Great deserts. Delicious appetizers.*

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