



On The Move!

Pinellas County Republican Executive Committee

Republican Party of Pinellas County

4707 140th Avenue N. Suite 208

Clearwater, FL 33762

Official Call to PCREC Members

Monday, April 13, 2009 7:00 P.M.

**Meeting: TUCSON'S
13563 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, FL**

For additional information:

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CALENDAR

Executive Committee Meeting – 2nd Monday

7P Tucson's, 13563 Icot Blvd., Clearwater Call: 539-6009

St Petersburg Republican Club – 2nd Wednesday

6P Dinner 7P Meeting Piccadilly Cafeteria 1900 34th St, St Pete
Call: 526-2492

Central Pinellas Republican Club – 2nd Thursday

11:30A Super Buffet, Seminole Mall, 11227 Park Blvd. N.,
Seminole Call: 397-3449

Suncoast Republican Women – 2nd Saturday

11A Piccadilly Cafeteria, 1900 34th St, St Pete Call: 548-6642

Belleair Women's Republican Club – 1st Friday

11:30A Belleair Country Club, Belleair Call: 584-6642

North Pinellas Republican Club – 3rd Thursday

6:30 PM – 7:45 PM, Palm Harbor Library, 2330 Nebraska Ave.,
Palm Harbor. Call: 804-5008

Republican Club of Greater Largo – 3rd Monday

6P Alfano's Restaurant 1702 Clearwater/Largo Rd, Largo
Call: 524-3048

Republican Club of On Top of the World – 3rd Tuesday

7P East Activity Center, 2069 World Pkwy Blvd E., Clearwater
Call: 796-5775

Tarpon Springs Republican Club – 4th Tuesday

Mtg 7P Hampton Inn, 39284 US19N, Tarpon Springs
Call: 942-8722

Greater Pinellas Young Republicans – 2nd Tuesday

6:30 P, Chili's, East Bay, Clearwater Call: 259-8667

Hispanic Republican Club of Pinellas - 1st Monday 6P

Dinner 7P Meeting, Crabby Bill's, Indian Rocks Beach
Call: 434-4008

From the Desk of Chairman Beyrouti:

Dear Fellow PCREC Members:

These are challenging times for every one of us. We are watching our way of life changing by the day, our fundamental beliefs shattered and our country moving to the far left, bigger government, uncontrollable spending and more taxes.

As a Republican it is common to start doubting if we are doing the right thing or if we are on the right track. Emotions are high which lead to confusion, frustration and despair.

Some say it isn't easy being a Republican and I say there is no more important time than right now to be a Republican.

I believe that too many Republicans have forgotten what keeps us strong and relevant. And too few have been willing to work as hard as you have. So I recognize the importance of those who will fight for our shared values and principles especially when it isn't popular – Republicans like you are the anchor of the foundation of the Republican Party.

We are blessed with great leaders and a grassroots base willing to work hard. Time is running out. We need to rise to the occasion and be proactive not reactive. Planning for the future is an exercise that every REC and Republican club must perform. Targets and goals need to be set to guarantee that the Republican Party future is one that reflects the ideals, principles and values of its members. I firsthand experienced your tireless efforts on behalf of the PCREC. And I am proud to stand with you as we work to re-energize Republicans to insure a long term viability and prosperity.

The stakes are too high. We can't afford to fail. We have the talent, the ideas and the energy to succeed. And together, united, we will.

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Pam Dubov Guest Speaker for PCREC Meeting

The Pinellas County Property Appraiser, Pam Dubov, will be the guest speaker at the April PCREC meeting. In addition to being an energetic personality and interesting speaker, Pam holds the Certified Assessment Evaluator (CAE), and the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO). She is a former officer in the U.S. Army Field Artillery and brings those leadership skills to the Property Appraiser's office where she has served for the past 16 years, supervising 140 staff as they prepare more than 485,000 appraisals and 325,000 exemptions each year.

Pam holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Information Systems. She led the effort to introduce new technologies that make the office more efficient and more accessible. She also holds a law degree from Stetson University College of Law, where she serves as an Adjunct Professor.

Club News

The Hispanic Republican Club will host a picnic on Saturday, May 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Glen Oaks Park in Clearwater. The objective is to promote the Republican Party by reaching out to the community. Any registered Republican can become a club member. Please spread the word. To volunteer, please call (727) 434-4008 or email hrcp08@aol.com

Committee News

The PCREC Legislative Committee met on March 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in its organizational meeting. Issues of importance to our county, state and nation were prioritized and recommendations were made to the PCREC Chairman. Legislative Chairman Erwin Beck is interested in expanding the committee in order to bring greater insight to the topics and issues that need to be addressed. He says, "Our party must express an understanding of the ideas that have value to all the people. We need to reinvigorate the principles of Republicanism and bring them to bear on the issues of our communities today,

To lend your help to help your party call: (727) 796-5775 or email skymaster43@verizon.net

Kudo's

The PCREC is proud to announce that Chely Hernandez -Miller has been appointed to serve on the Republican Party of Florida's Leadership Council. They will meet on Saturday, April 18th at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. Congratulations Chely!

RPOF News

The 2009 RPOF Spring Quarterly Board Meeting

Thursday, April 2, 2009 and Friday, April 3, 2009

Doubletree Hotel – Downtown Tallahassee

101 South Adams Street

Tallahassee, Florida 32301-7774

RPOF Executive Committee members, State Committeemen, State Committeewomen, statewide elected officials and one guest each are welcome at no charge. There will be a \$25 Registration Fee for all other non-member guest to attend all events.

You may register for the event on line at www.rpof.com

For more information please contact:

Toni Walwyn at (407) 650-3717

Reservation/Hotel Information call (850) 224-5000

Be sure to ask for RPOF Block of rooms.

Online Resources

One of the best lines of defense we have as conservatives is knowledge. It is our responsibility to be well informed and ready to articulate in an intelligent congenial manner our reasons for desiring the kind of country we think is best. As a party of thinkers let's keep ourselves armed with the true facts about the issues of the day. Below are listed some online resources that are free to the public and should be very helpful to anyone who wants to learn.

Email Subscription Resources:

- National Center for Policy Analysis

Subscribe to the daily policy digest at: www.nepa.org

- Townhall

The Heritage Foundation daily at: www.townhall.com

- American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy

www.aei.org

Internet Resources:

- The Drudge Report www.drudgereport.com
- Washington Times' Inside Politics www.washingtontimes.com
- Family Research Council www.frc.org
- National Review at www.nationalreview.com
- Newt Gingrich at www.newt.org

Recommended Reading:

- **Liberty and Tyranny:**

A Conservative Manifesto

By Mark R. Levin

This book could not be more relevant for today or important. It is a masterful restatement of conservative principles that is succinct and yet comprehensive. It is thoughtful and deep yet highly readable. It is timely yet timeless.

Levin explains the enduring principles that undergird our unique constitutional system and exposes the dangers in continuing to violate those principles. He deals with the issues of the day such as private property and the significance of our Founders' belief in unalienable rights. He explains for us the complex issue of immigration, the ravages of the welfare state, the liberty threatening radical environmentalist and the indispensability of safeguarding America's sovereignty and national security. Enjoy!

The Republicans' fall from power in Colorado

---and how the Democrats hope to replicate it

The day before Barack Obama accepted the Democratic nomination at Invesco Field in Denver, a group of progressive activists gathered nearby to discuss what Democrats call the "Colorado Miracle." Through a network of wealthy donors called the Colorado Democracy Alliance, Democrats turned Colorado---until recently, a reliably Republican state---a deep shade of blue.

A less known project is the Committee on States, through which Democrats plan to export their Colorado success across the country over the next 20 months. "As we know, 2010 is redistricting, there are 35 governor's races, so it's going to be a critically important year", said Rob Stein, founder of the Democracy Alliance, a national Democratic fundraising group. To prepare for 2010, Stein said architects of the "Colorado miracle" would be working hard to get progressives (Liberals) in 18 other states "up to Colorado's level of sophistication and organizational development."

In the past 30 months, the Democracy Alliance's donors have put over \$110 million into 30 state-level groups where "over the next couple of years a lot of development is going to happen."

For Republicans, understanding what happened in Colorado isn't just a matter of curiosity---it's a matter of political survival.

Consider the following. In October 2004, the GOP dominated politics at every level in Colorado. Republicans held both the U.S. Senate seats, five of seven Congressional seats, the governor's mansion, Secretary of State's and Treasurer's offices and both houses of the state legislature. Four years later, the opposite is true: Replace the word "Republicans" with "Democrats" in the previous sentence, and you have one of the most stunning reversals of fortune in all American political history.

How did it happen? The Colorado story isn't just about changing demographics or an unpopular Bush presidency. Those factors played a part, but they cannot explain why Democrats dominate a state in which Republicans still outnumber them by 9,000 registered voters. Democratic success in Colorado is in a large part of what Stein calls a "more strategic, more focused, more disciplined better financed", progressive (Liberal) movement.

In hindsight, what they did was as simple as it was effective. First, they built a robust network of non-profit entities to replace the Colorado Democrat party, which had been rendered obsolete by campaign-finance reform. Second, they raised historic amounts of money from large donors to fund these entities. Third, they developed a consistent, topical message. Fourth, and most important, they put aside their policy differences to focus on the common goal of winning elections.

Democratic success in Colorado can be traced to a few donors, advisers and elected officials. One of the first donors to the table was Tim Gill, the openly gay founder of software giant Quake, Inc. He quickly recruited other millionaires and billionaires who were sympathetic to his ideas and formed the "Gang of Four"---and became the first example of what they now call a structured donor alliance. Working with the house minority leader, they met regularly a roundtable where they identified vulnerable Republican legislative seats---and then designed strategies to pick them off.

In many ways the Colorado Republicans lost their majority as much as Democrats won it. The Democrats recruited good candidates, honed in on some of the excesses of the Republican majorities, and they were talking about what the people cared about. While Democratic donors and organizations set aside their differences and gathered round a table, Republicans were busy tearing one another apart in acrimonious primaries.

This article is excerpted with permission from National Review magazine, March 23, 2009 from an article by Rob Wittwer entitled Rocky Ride page 27-30. The complete article is very eye-opening and recommended reading. This could happen to Florida!