



# On The Move!

**Pinellas County Republican Executive Committee**

**Republican Party of Pinellas County**

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Clearwater, FL 33762

## **Official Call to PCREC Members**

Monday, August 11, 2008 7:00 P.M.

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

For additional information:

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Web: [www.pinellasrepublican.org](http://www.pinellasrepublican.org)

## **CALENDAR**

### **Executive Committee Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday**

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

### **St Petersburg Republican Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday**

6P Dinner 7P Meeting Picadilly Cafeteria 1900 34<sup>th</sup> St, St Pete  
Call: 526-2492

### **Central Pinellas Republican Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**

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

### **Suncoast Republican Women's Club. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**

11A Piccadilly Cafeteria, 1900 34<sup>th</sup> St, St Pete Call: 548-6642

### **Belleair Women's Republican Club – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday**

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

### **North Pinellas Republican Club – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**

7P Rhea Sutton White Chapel, 1190 Georgia Ave, Palm Harbor  
Call: 725-4241

### **Republican Club of Greater Largo – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday**

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

### **On Top of the World Republican Club – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday**

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

### **Pinellas County Black Republican Club, - 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

6P Panera Bread, 1914 4<sup>th</sup> St N, St. Petersburg.

For Information Call: 822-1708

### **Tarpon Springs Republican Club – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

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

### **Greater Pinellas Young Republicans – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday**

6:30 P, Chili's, East Bay, Clearwater Call: 514-3741

### **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 DiMatteo:***

Dear Fellow Republicans:

August is here, and on the 26<sup>th</sup> of this month we will be having primary elections, so please help the candidates of your choice. We must get behind the winners of these races and beat the Democrats in November.

At the August 11<sup>th</sup> monthly PCREC meeting, we will hear from all the Republican candidates running for the Pinellas County School Board. Please try to attend this meeting and offer your support and help to your favorite candidate. These are non-partisan elections and they will need our help because it is very hard to raise money for these contests. The party will not be able to endorse or provide any funds until the general election because of the vote taken at the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, prohibiting us from endorsing in any primary election when there is more than one Republican in the race. If you care about education and our children, open your check book and help these fine Republicans retain control of the Pinellas County School Board.

*I will repeat that our number one goal in Pinellas County is to carry our county for John McCain!*

When we carry our county for the top of the ticket, our down ticket races will also be affected in a positive manner, so please volunteer, give money, or both to make sure we retain the White House.

## **PCREC Board**

**Tony DiMatteo**, Chairman

**Gail L. Hebert**, Vice Chairman

**Glen Schultz**, Secretary

**Chet Renfro**, Treasurer

**Brian P. Battaglia**, Legal Counsel/ Parliamentarian

**Charlotte Smith**, Newsletter Editor

## **State Officials**

**Jim Greer**, RPOF Chairman

**Paul Bedinghaus**, State Committeeman

**Nancy J. Riley**, State Committeewoman

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## Chet Renfro named McCain Campaign Chairman for Pinellas County

Chet Renfro, who many of you remember as Director of Volunteers for Bush/Cheney in 2004 and Governor Crist in 2006, has agreed to serve as Chairman for the John McCain for President, 2008. Chet has a long and successful history of working for Republican candidates dating back to Richard Nixon. He is widely regarded as the "go to guy" by staff and volunteers during the heat of a campaign.

He is a retired Hydraulic Engineer who now serves on the Pinellas-Anclote River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, serves as PCREC Treasurer, as well as treasurer for a local candidate and actually still finds time for an occasional game of golf.

Victory 2008 Team

Volunteer Chairman – Mary Moser

Telephone Coordinator – Donna Norman

Precinct Walkers Coordinator – David Dumville

Voter Registration Coordinator – Suzanne Classens

Director of Communications – Charlotte Smith

If you are interested in participating in any of the areas listed above or helping with special events such as rallies or poll watching, please call 539-6009.

*"When you can't make them see the light, make them feel the heat"*

*Ronald Reagan advising the electorate about dealing with their elected representatives.*

## RPOF Quarterly Board Meeting

Rosen Shingle Creek Resort

9939 Universal Blvd.

Orlando, FL 32819

Friday, August 15, 2008

Saturday, August 16, 2008

Reservations call: (866) 996-6338

There will be a \$25.00 Registration Fee for all non-member guests to attend all events.

Register on-line at [www.rpof.org/quarterly\\_meeting](http://www.rpof.org/quarterly_meeting)

## Why the School Board Matters

1. The quality of education directly affects the quality of our work force.
2. The character and beliefs of individual School Board members help shape the quality and character of the education offered.
3. The reputation of our schools has a profound effect on businesses who are trying to entice employees to move here.
4. Board members often use their experience to move on to other elected offices. We should choose carefully and do our vetting at this level before they move on to higher offices.

## Come Help Us Win In November!

The Republican Party of Pinellas County needs your help! We need volunteers to help us make phone calls. We currently do this Monday -Thursday, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. If you would like to help during the day, please feel free to stop by from 10 - 1.

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### North Pinellas:

Coming soon!

*Please join us today and help win!*

*Yard signs and bumper stickers are*

*now available!*

**Chet Renfro**, McCain Campaign Chairman Pinellas County

**Mary Moser**, Volunteer Coordinator

539-6009

## An Important Word from our Attorney

The primary election will be held on August 26, 2008. The general election will be on November 4, 2008. If any election related legal issues arise before or during the election, please immediately contact the PCREC's legal counsel, Brian P. Battaglia, Esq. at (727) 420-8708 or (727) 490-1216. A legal team is in place to address any issues that may arise before or during the election.

# Republican Party of Pinellas County

## Victory 2008

### Picnic

**Sunday, August 17, 2008**

At

### Banquet Masters

8100 Park Blvd.

Pinellas Park

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Adults \$25.00      Children 6-12 \$7.00

(Children 5 and under free)

Music – DJ Sam McClelland

Master of Ceremonies Leslie Waters

Straw Poll

For Information call: (727) 539-6009

If you have never attended the Republican Party of Pinellas County Picnic, this would be a great year to come. It will be a lot of fun and very informative since many of our elected officials as well as current candidates will be in attendance. This is an opportunity for you to get to know them better in a casual atmosphere. It is also a time to become better acquainted with fellow Republicans as we prepare ourselves for November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Another good reason to attend is that it is indoors.

August - Florida - Picnic - Air conditioning. Sounds like a good way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

### Voter Registration Needed Now!

Pinellas County currently has 620,091 registered voters.

Republicans: 233,847

Democrats: 236,738

Other: 149,506

You can do the math. We need a massive volunteer turn out to get more Republicans registered. If your club, place of business or place of worship will allow a voter registration table and a couple of polite volunteers, please contact our office @539-6009.

Voter Registration deadline for Primary – July 28

Voter Registration deadline for General – October 6

We can do this if everybody does just a little.

## The (Un)fairness Doctrine

*BY Rebecca Hagelin*

If freedom of speech appeals to you—if you think we need robust debate to keep democracy alive and well—the answer to who should decide what you hear on the radio and television should be clear. Unfortunately, it's not so clear to certain liberal lawmakers. They don't like it when certain noteworthy pundits shine a spotlight on our elected leaders and all their foibles.

That is why liberals are dusting off the so-called "Fairness Doctrine."

The Fairness doctrine, despite its name, gives Americans a raw deal. The Federal Communications Commission created it in 1949 to require broadcasters to present both sides of any controversial issue that they touched on. Sounds ...well, fair, right? Except for two major problems.

One is practical—it makes for boring radio and TV. Why? Because broadcasters responded to the Fairness doctrine predictably: Realizing that it would be extraordinarily difficult to ensure that each issue was treated in perfect balance, they opted in large measure to steer clear of controversial topics. After all, there's only one way to guarantee that no one is offended by what you say...and that is to say nothing.

The other problem is a little something known as the First Amendment. Where, pray tell, is it written in the Constitution that we must exercise our free speech in a "balanced" way? Sorry, but the kind of robust debate that our Founding Fathers had in mind when they wrote the Constitution—indeed, the kind of debate that led to the founding of this nation—can't be hemmed in with parliamentary demands that we carefully include "the other side" every time we speak. Like it or not, democracy is messy.

Regardless, many politicians don't like talk radio and its television equivalent. After all, Americans who listen to pundits with strong opinions tend to become, gee, informed about the issues of the day. Instead of minding their own business, they learn things. Then they call and write their representatives in Washington, demanding action. We can't have that.

That's why Rep. Mike Pence R-Ind. has introduced the "Broadcaster Freedom Act"—to ensure that no future president can regulate the airwaves of America without an act of Congress. "America is a nation of freedom and strong opinion", he says. Our government must not be afraid to entrust our good people with all the facts and opinions necessary to make choices as an informed electorate. That is what democracy is about."

So let's ask those who champion the Fairness Doctrine: What are you afraid of?

*Ms. Hagelin's article may be read in its entirety at [www.heritage.org](http://www.heritage.org)*

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi D-Ca. has signaled strong support for the Fairness Doctrine. She has stated that she will not permit Rep. Pence "Broadcaster Freedom Bill" to get to the floor for a vote. All freedom loving Americans should stay informed about

this issue and make sure our elected officials understand that this could be just the tip of the iceberg regarding our First Amendment rights.

You can make your opinions known by respectfully contacting your elected representatives.

Senator Mel Martinez (R)

(202) 224-3041 or (813) 207-0509

Fax (813) 287-9453

Senator Bill Nelson (D)

(202) 224-5274 or (813) 225-7040

Fax (813) 225-7050

Representative Bill Young - U.S. House District 10

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(727) 893-3191 fax (727) 893-3126

Representative Gus Bilirakis – U.S. House District 9

(202) 225-5755 fax (202) 225-4085

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