



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, January 12, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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

For additional information:

Call: HQ — 539-6009 FAX: 536-5902

Email: pinellsgop@verizon.net

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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 Picadilly 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's Club. – 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

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

Republican Club of Greater Largo – 3rd Monday

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

On Top of the World Republican Club – 3rd Tuesday

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

Pinellas County Black Republican Club, - 4th Tuesday 6P

Panera Bread, 1914 4th St N, St. Petersburg.

For Information Call: 822-1708

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: 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 Beyrouti:

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to everyone for electing me as your chairman. I am humbled by your overwhelming support.

While it is a tremendous honor to serve as your chairman, I fully understand that with every title comes duties and responsibilities. It is with this strong understanding of duty and commitment to our Republican Party and our nation that I accept this responsibility.

Our priorities for 2009 will be as follows:

- Rely heavily on technology to deliver our message and attract new members of diverse demographics.
- New and creative methods to generate the funds needed to support the party and our Republican candidates.
- Grass roots reorganization supported by informed and organized volunteers.

I am planning for the coming year and am already off to a busy start.

The date and location are secured for the Lincoln Day Dinner and committees are busy with planning and preparations. More details will soon be available, but for now remember to save the date of February 28.

Work has started on a new website for the PCREC and it will eventually have links to all local clubs and be a great source of information. A Republican social group page was established on Facebook. Please check it out and join www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=38720894162

I look forward to your input and your ideas.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful and successful 2009.

PCREC Board

Jay J. Beyrouti, Chairman

Mike Guju, Vice Chairman

Glen Schultz, Secretary

Chet Renfro, Treasurer

Brian P. Battaglia, Legal Counsel/ Parliamentarian

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2009-2010 PCREC Executive Board

Vice-Chairman – Mike Guju is an entrepreneur and businessman with broad management, legal and marketing experience in real estate development, mortgages and real estate transactional and real estate-related services. He is an attorney licensed in three states (Florida, Ohio and Michigan), with 24 years experience in real estate and business law, mortgages, real estate title insurance and closings, contracts and business matters.

He created, managed and later sold one of the largest retail title insurance companies in west-central Florida. He sits on Boards of Directors for several area companies and is an owner and developer of various commercial and residential real estate properties. As a frequent speaker at the University of South Florida College of Business Administration he is a sought after teacher at investor seminars and training sessions for realtors and lenders.

Mike has been active with the PCREC for 10 years as well as being involved with several Republican Clubs. He served as Membership Chairman for the PCREC 2006 – 2008. His Gubernatorial appointments include Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council 2004 - 2006 by Governor JEB Bush and Florida Real Estate Commission 2007- current by Governor Charlie Crist. He is also active with the Clearwater for Youth Corporation, the area's largest non-profit youth group. He is well known to many of our volunteers because he has for many years donated space in his corporate offices during election cycles to be used for north county campaign offices.

Treasurer – Chet Renfro has served as treasurer of the PCREC since 2005 and most recently served as the McCain Campaign Chairman for Pinellas County. In 2004 he was Director of Volunteers for the Bush/Cheney Campaign and for Governor Crist's Campaign in 2006. He has a long history of working for Republican candidates and causes dating back to Richard Nixon.

A retired Hydraulic Engineer, he was appointed by Governor Crist to the Pinellas-Anclote River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWIFMUD). He is active in his local community where he has served as treasurer of his homeowners association as well as volunteered as treasurer for many local candidates. He is the local "go to guy" for all things regarding money matters and what is legal and what is not.

Chet is also the force behind the electronic data base the PCREC uses to keep members and volunteers informed. Since 2004 he has advocated increasing our email contact list and it proved invaluable in the 2008 election because we were able to send out notices from the campaigns as soon as they were received. He is the person who keeps you in the loop via email.

Secretary – Glen Schultz has had an interest in politics since age 9. His high school and college years placed him in contact with people who either directly or indirectly influenced his engaging in non-traditional religious practices while espousing intensely liberal points of view. Disillusionment followed over time as he observed that those who detested the war in Vietnam while advocating violence seemed a blatant contradiction to what they declared that they stood for.

Employment in a part-time capacity in the local school system while attending college provided Glen an opportunity to work with an older man who became a very good friend. John made no secret of his conservative political views during their political conversations and slowly he brought Glen around to many of the values he clings to today, without bitterness, through the Socratic Method. His new found faith as an evangelical Christian combined with his newly adopted conservative views led him to respectfully measure his beliefs against those of his generally liberal professors in the classroom. Guess you could say he came out as a rock solid conservative Republican.

A few short years later, Glen returned to college to earn a degree in Education. One of his classmates was former State Representative and PCREC Chairman George Hieber, who later rented his home to him. His first real precinct walk for a Republican candidate for office was for George when he ran for re-election to the Florida State House district 52. They remained good friends until George's untimely death in 1996...just one year after Glen's future wife Holly introduced him to the PCREC. Three years later he approached then Chairman Paul Bedinghaus about filling the vacancy for party secretary. Glen says it has been his privilege to hold that position since 1999. He hopes to share many more good years with the PCREC in growing our Republican party as a force for building a truly stronger America.

Republican Party of Florida

2009 Annual Meeting

Friday, January 9, 2009

Saturday, January 10, 2009

Rosen Shingle Creek Resort

9939 Universal Blvd.

Orlando, Florida 32819

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

Please RSVP as soon as possible. The RPOF has secured a block of rooms at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort at the rate of \$129 + tax. For reservations call (866) 996-6338. For information contact Toni Walwyn at (407) 650-3717 or email her at awalwyn@rpof.org.

Confronting Bad Culture and Bad Government: The Key to a Healthier, Safer and more Prosperous America

By Newt Gingrich, Human Events .com 4/0102008

The key issue for America is how bad culture reinforced by bad government is crippling America and trapping the poor in disastrous situations. Replacing bad culture and bad government with good culture and good government is the most important single challenge we face here at home.

One of the amazing things about the generation that founded America was that they knew we as a people would eventually drift into crisis of bad culture and bad government. And they had no doubt which came first. They knew that bad culture leads to bad government ---and that good government requires good culture.

Consider a few quotes from our Founders:

“there is no truth more thoroughly established, than that there exists in the economy and course of

nature, an indissoluble union between virtue and happiness; between duty and advantage; between the genuine maxims of an honest and magnanimous policy, and the solid rewards of public prosperity and felicity; since we ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of Heaven, can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which Heaven itself has ordained...” *President George Washington’s First Inaugural Address*

“Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports.”
President George

Washington’s Farewell Address

“Our Constitution was made for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” *John Adams*

“Reading, reflection, and time have convinced me that the interest of society require the observation of those morals and Moral precepts....in which all religions agree.” *Thomas Jefferson*

“The only foundation for a useful education in a republic is to be laid in religion. Without this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty and liberty is the objective and life of all republican governments,” *Benjamin Rush*

American government and culture took a wrong turn in the 1960’s. How did America go from Benjamin Rush’s call for religion as the only foundation for a useful education to the amoral, do-your-own-thing, militantly secular and bureaucracy we have today? The counterculture and the militant Left repudiated middle class values and assaulted the core patterns which worked for 200 years, creating the most prosperous country in the world.

But, we didn’t stop there. Big bureaucracies were created at the federal, state and local levels; and they have been decaying the effectiveness ever since. The result is that we now have red-tape-ridden governments that reinforce the wrong values and undermine the still healthy parts of the culture.

Lincoln Day Dinner

Saturday, February 28, 2009

Hilton Carillon

950 Lake Carillon Drive

St. Petersburg, Florida

(Across from Feather Sound)

Please call 539-6009 for tickets.

Ivory Club News

Thank you to all who have referred new members. It is great to see our membership growing.

Remember to save the date for our next event

February 28

This will be the reception prior to the Lincoln day Dinner.

Best wished for a healthy and happy 2009

Linda Beyrouti

Lindapt756@msn.com or (727) 398-5922

Tony Rizzo Veteran of the Year

PCREC member Tony Rizzo, Committeeman from precinct 242 will be honored by the Pinellas County Veterans Council on January 17, 2009. The PCVC which includes several fraternal organizations in the Tampa Bay area, select by vote a particular veteran of the area to be honored at a presentation dinner to be held at the Rose and Crown Restaurant in Largo.

The criteria for this honor includes assorted pro-veteran assistance, events, missions, programs and general help given to a needy veteran, young or old, by a veteran volunteer, representative or officer selected by the council. Congratulations Tony!