



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, May 12, 2008 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 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 Picadilly 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 Rhea 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 – 3rd Wednesday

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

From the Desk of Chairman DiMatteo:

Dear Fellow Republicans:

The May meeting will feature a Legislative Review and also give us the opportunity to ask questions. Senator Dennis Jones and Representative Ed Hooper have agreed to give us a final report of what's in and what's out.

I would like to take this opportunity to notify the committee that a Special Election will be held to elect a Vice Chairman at the June 10th meeting. On June 10th, Vice Chairman Neil Brickfield will be stepping down so that he can devote all of his time and effort into his campaign for the Pinellas County Commission. Neil will be missed as my right hand, but long time, tested and true former Vice Chairman Gail Hebert, at my request has consented to fill the vice chairman seat through **this election cycle only**. Any member can run for this position however, I am asking that all of us get behind Gail because we are in the middle of a very important election cycle and Gail with eight years experience as Vice Chairman would help me and the Party without any down time to catch up. We must all unite and work together to win; from John McCain to all State and County races.

We are presently working on a Reagan Day Dinner date with a nationally known speaker, the PCREC picnic is in August, and we just reserved the Hilton at Carillon Park for the PCREC's Victory '08 party, November 4th, so it is a busy time for us and I know being the number one REC in the state, Pinellas will come through.

Thanks,
Tony D.

PCREC Board

Tony DiMatteo, Chairman

Neil Brickfield, Vice Chairman

Glen Schultz, Secretary

Chet Renfro, Treasurer

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Nancy J. Riley, State Committeewoman

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KUDOS...

On Top of the World Republican Club

The Republican Club of On Top Of The World, Clearwater, FL was honored at the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF) 2nd Annual Summit of Republican Clubs...Award Banquet held on Sat., March 29, 2008 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, FL.

The award plaque citation reads as follows: The Republican Party of Florida...Is Proud to Honor...Republican Club of On Top of the World...For Overall Outstanding Achievement in "Building the Foundation for Victory! Republican Club Of The Year 2007. A Five-Hundred Dollar honorarium was also awarded to the club.

The awards were presented by RPOF Chairman, Jim Greer, to the Republican Club of On Top Of The World President, Erwin Beck and Club Treasurer/Membership Chairman, Geraldine "Gerry" Beck.

The renewed special relationship between the RPOF and the "grassroots" work of the Republican Clubs, in concert with the PCREC, will enable us all to be..."United on the Path to Victory 2008!"

Respectfully submitted,

Erwin Beck

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Republicans falling behind...

Republicans are falling behind the Democrats in voter registration. This can mean the difference in having Republicans in elected office.

In order to correct this, we must begin with a strong successful **voter registration drive!** Only political Parties and state offices can solicit voter registrations.

We will need a lot of volunteers to man the Voter Registration booths. If you have 2 or 3 hours a week you can help the Party, please call 727-539-6009 and talk to Chet or Marilyn.

P.C.R.E.C.

Victory 2008 Picnic

Banquet Masters

August 17, 2008

Pro-Growth, Pro-Jobs Tax Agenda

John McCain believes taxes should be low, simple, and fair and has a track record of commitment to these principles.

Cutting Taxes For The Middle Class:

John McCain Will Cut Taxes For Middle Class Families. John McCain will permanently repeal the Alternative Minimum Tax(AMT) – a tax that will be paid nearly exclusively by 25 million middle class families. Repealing this onerous tax will save middle class families nearly \$60 billion in a single year. Under McCain's plan, a middle class family with children set to pay the AMT will save an average of over \$2,700 – a real tax cut for working families.

John McCain Will Double The Personal Exemption For Dependents. John McCain believes the tax code should be less of a burden on those, whether they are mothers and fathers or single parents, who are trying to raise a family. He proposes to raise the personal exemption for each dependent from \$3,500 to \$7,000.

Pro-Growth Tax Policy:

John McCain Will Keep Tax Rates Low. Entrepreneurs are at the heart of American innovation, growth and prosperity. They create the ultimate job security – a new, better opportunity if your current job goes away. Entrepreneurs should not be taxed into submission. John McCain will maintain the current income and investment tax rates and fight the Democrats' plans for a crippling tax increase in 2011. Left to their devices, Democrats will impose a massive \$100 billion tax hike, almost \$700 per taxpayer every year. John McCain has also long sought permanent and immediate reform of the estate tax, and supports raising the exemption from taxation on estates up to \$10 million while cutting the tax rate to 15 percent.

John McCain Will Make It Harder To Raise Taxes. John McCain believes it should require a 3/5 majority vote in Congress to raise taxes.

See www.johnmccain.com for the rest of Senator McCain's Economic Plan

For Uninsured Floridians, Gov. Crist Offers A Plan

By Charlie Crist

TALLAHASSEE -- Advances in health care have given us longer lives and improved the quality of those bonus years. Unfortunately, as many as 47 million Americans – including 3.8 million Floridians – do not have health insurance, and therefore, do not have the opportunity to utilize many of the medical advances available. In fact, lack of health insurance is the number-one barrier to accessing health care.

As governor of Florida, I am deeply motivated to improving access to health care for the people of our state. Providing health care for the uninsured is about helping the most vulnerable among us. And it is also about helping hard-working Floridians who are self-employed or working for small businesses that cannot afford to provide health insurance for their employees.

Unfortunately, many Floridians are frustrated by the high cost of health insurance and are choosing to go without coverage. As a result, emergency rooms across the state are valiantly carrying the load of providing basic medical services to the uninsured.

Moving through the legislative process right now is a bill that will help provide affordable health insurance for Florida's working families. Senate Bill 2534, sponsored by Senator Durell Peaden of Crestview, would allow state government to negotiate with health insurers to develop affordable health insurance coverage for uninsured Floridians.

Private health insurers have indicated a willingness to provide benefits packages for \$150 or less per month. Granted, this coverage will not be your top-of-the-line health insurance plan. Instead, it will provide basic preventive, primary and urgent care benefits, including prescription drugs and hospitalization, to uninsured Floridians ages 19 to 64.

If the legislation passes, we will work to negotiate benefits such as office visits, office surgery, behavioral health services, diabetic supplies, durable medical equipment and prosthetics, inpatient hospital stays, outpatient facility services and hospital emergency care services. Insurers would also competitively bid to provide supplemental coverage for vision, dental, cancer and discount medical options.

My plan will use the state's negotiating power in the same way we successfully negotiated and implemented www.FloridaDiscountDrugCard.com. Since we announced the discount card in December, more than 34,000 people have signed up for it – and more importantly, have saved more than \$364,000 on their lifesaving prescription drugs. Under my proposed plan, policyholders would be able to

carry dependents until age 30. Parents typically cannot carry dependents after age 25. The population age 19 to 30 has the highest rate of uninsured individuals, yet is typically healthier, and will improve the insurer's risk profile. Additionally, Senate Bill 2534 contains no individual mandates and no employer mandates. Employers would not be required to participate in order for their employees to benefit; however, employers will be encouraged to participate in order to cost-share premiums with employees.

I encourage you to contact your legislators and let them know that we need to provide affordable health care coverage for uninsured Floridians. The time has come to provide health insurance to Florida's uninsured.

FrontpageFlorida.com

Letter from John McCain JohnMcCain@gop.com

My Friends,

This week I embarked on a trip to areas of the United States seldom-visited and all too often forgotten by our nation's leaders. I am doing this because I want to learn from the people who live in these areas. Yesterday, I had the opportunity to visit Alabama. During my trip I spent time in the towns of Selma, Gee's Bend, Camden and Thomasville.

It was an honor to visit Selma, a place that held great significance in the Civil Rights movement. I was also fortunate to visit the Gee's Bend quilters, who gave me such a warm welcome - I thank them for their hospitality.

My friends, I am traveling to these places because if I am to be President of the United States of America, I'm going to be the president of all the people. I will work for all people and I will listen to all people. By understanding the challenges - and they are enormous - that these Americans face today, I will be a far better president.

There must be no forgotten places in America. **I have always believed in this country, in a good America, a great America.** And I have always believed we can build a better America for all people. This week, I'm traveling to places where great Americans are still fighting for change to make us a better country. I am going to meet and learn from these patriots.

I am running for president as a different type of candidate and I ask that you join my campaign today!

Sincerely,

John McCain