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NOVEMBER 2011

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President's Message

Today is another beautiful Fall day. I love having the windows open instead of A/C and look forward to the holidays with our exciting new year just around the corner. In planning our monthly forums, we already have ten contested local races, plus our US Senate race and taking back the White House in 2012.

The Presidential Primary is January 31 and all others are on August 14. We will probably start our forums in April after our Spring Fling fashion show on March 20. This is our one fund raiser for the year and allows us to pay for lunches while attendees write checks to **their favorite candidate . . . and there will be many candidates. This year's theme is "Sing a Song" and will be chaired by our ever-inventive Dot Oestrich.** She and our faithful Tina Laurie are the best of the best when it comes to putting together a fashion show/day of bridge.

Sharon Harrington chairs our Nominating Committee, which includes Jody Van Cooney and Dot Oestrich. What a fabulous slate of officers for next year! Gaile Anthony as President; Nancy Epple, 1st VP; Claudia Silverman, 2nd VP; Tina Laurie, Treasurer; Paulette McGuire, Asst. Treasurer; Diane Kinser, Recording Secretary; and Claudia Zambor as Corresponding Secretary. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at our November meeting, with installation in December. Mark your calendar, December 13 instead of the 20th.

Our speaker this month, Tom Scott, Chair of the Lee County School Board, will share the **board's progress and the challenges they face. We will have our three Cypress Lake Middle School student essay winners. Claudia Silverman has been this year's chair and we look forward to hearing "Why You Should Vote."**

Dues are rolling in and our Membership Chair, Elizabeth Nicholson, is doing a great job contacting members. Next year we will have to invest our time in electing the right people to guide our local, state, and national government in turning back to the principles that guided us for over two hundred years. Please join us on November 15 and the third Tuesday of every month. Our programs are educational and often exciting.

Best,

Marilyn Stout

CHECK OUT
OUR WEBSITE

We now have a brand new website. Check it out on **FMRWC.com.** You'll find everything you need to know, along with current newsletters. You can even leave your comments!

2011

Board of Directors

Officers

President: Marilyn Stout
 1st Vice President: Nancy Epple
 2nd: Vice President: Gaile Anthony
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 Diane Kinser
 Corresponding Secretary:
 vacant
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 Tina Laurie
 Asst. Treasurer:
 Paulette McGuire

Committee Chairs

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 open
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 Tina Laurie
 Sunshine Chair:
 Anne Morris
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 Sharon Harrington
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 Membership:
 Elizabeth Nicholson
 PR/Publicity:
 Jody Van Cooney
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 Campaign:
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**NEWSLETTER
 SUBMISSIONS:**

The newsletter will be only as good as information supplied. If you have news to be included, email it to Jody at jodyvanc@embarqmail.com no later than the last day of the month preceding the newsletter.

November 15 Luncheon

**The Helm Club at The Landings
 Tuesday, November 15, 2011**

Cost: \$16.00

Social Hour: 11:15 a.m. Luncheon: 12:00 Noon

**Program: Tom Scott, Lee County School
 Board Chair and Student Essays**

RSVP: Tina Laurie, 489-4701
by 4 pm on Thursday, November 10, 2011
No shows will be billed.

Please indicate when making your reservation if you would prefer a fruit or vegetable plate rather than turkey and cranberry sauce. This request must be made at the same time as your reservation.

New Members

Regular:

Susan Drigalla
 Maggie Chestnut
 Lil Hamilton
 Margaret Henderson
 Polly Head
 Stephanie Lowell

Push for the Future

Our club introduced a 2012 membership campaign in September. The member who brings in the most new full members for 2012 from September through mid December will receive a special prize. We will continue our monthly drawing for a restaurant gift certificate from all those who have paid 2012 member dues.

Note: The December meeting will be on December 13, not the 20th.

Thomas Jefferson said:

When we get piled upon one another in large cities, as in Europe, we shall become as corrupt as Europe. The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.

It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world.

I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.

My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government.

No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms.

The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government.

The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants.

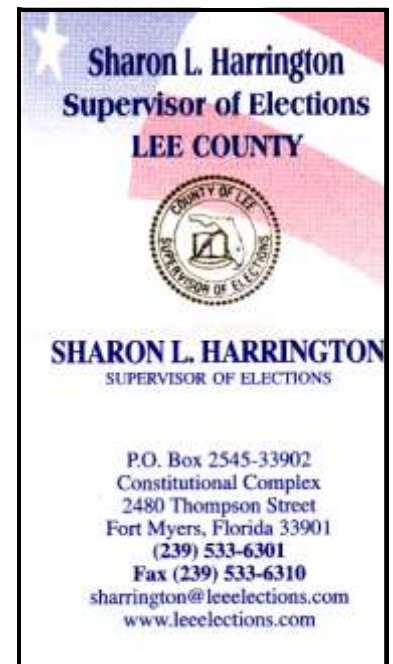
To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical.

I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property—until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered.

2011 Silent Auction Contributors

The Fort Myers Republican Women’s Club wishes to thank the following businesses who contributed to the Success of the silent auction: Ace Hardware - All About U Salon - Baby Butler - Bagel Bagel - Barbara B. Mann – Belk - Biddle’s Restaurant - Big Al’s City Grill - Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre - Buon Appetite Café - Burroughs Home—Cape Charters-Tony Stout - Carrabba’s Restaurant - Chef Brooke’s Cooking Class - Doc Ford’s Rum Bar & Grille - Douglas Brooke Studio Salon - Dunkin’s Diamonds - Edison/Ford Homes & Museum - The Edison Restaurant - Express Alterations - First Watch - Fish Monger - Florida Repertory Theatre - GEO’s Italian Restaurant - Judy Healey - Helen Olson Designs - Justin Schaffer, Chocolatier - Harley Davidson - Lush Restaurant - Matanzas Inn - Mel’s Diner - Mona Lisa Restaurant - Naples Zoo Olde Hickory - Carolyn Olson, Studio 3 - Outback Steakhouse - Pincher’s Crab Shack – Prawnbroker - Rene’s - Rene’s on Winkler - Ruth’s Cris Steak House - Saigon Paris - Saks Fifth Avenue (Chanel) - Sam Seltzer’s Steakhouse- Sasse’s Restaurant – Starbucks - Stargazer Ceramics - Studio.rk Salon and Debby - Sunshine Seafood Café - Terrance Michael Salon - University Grill - Uska’s - The Veranda - Ken Wilkinson

The following members and individuals provided items and assistance in contributing to the success of the silent auction: Gaile Anthony - Dorothy Baker - Jeanne Dozier - Nancy Epple - Betty Galvano - Rena Gezzar - Diane Kinser - Tina Laurie - Mary Lee Mann - Paulette McGuire - Anne Morris - Elizabeth Nicholson - Dot Oestrich - Roger Potgeter– Elinor Scricca - Claudia Silverman - Jan Spaulding - Marilyn Stout - Jody Van Cooney.



2012 Officer Slate

The nominating committee, consisting of Sharon Harrington, chair, Dot Oestrich, and Jody Van Cooney, are nominating the following slate of officers for 2012:

President – Gaile Anthony
1st Vice President – Nancy Epple
2nd Vice President – Claudia Silverman
Treasurer – Tina Laurie
Assistant Treasurer – Paulette McGuire
Recording Secretary – Diane Kinser
Corresponding Secretary – Claudia Zambor

These individuals have all accepted their nomination. Additional nominations will be accepted during the November 15 luncheon meeting, providing those individuals have agreed to be nominated. The election of officers will take place following the close of nominations.

Fort Myers Republican Women’s Club Facts

The FMRWC of Lee County was chartered in 1974. Our organization is compliant with the Florida Federation of Republican Women by-laws and a portion of our membership dues goes to the state and national organization. We support the principles of the Republican Party.

What We Do . . .

- Hold monthly meetings that educate our members on political happenings and issues at the county, state, and national levels. We host elected officials, leaders of the community, and candidates as speakers at our meetings. As a club, we do not endorse or contribute to individual campaigns.
- Candidate forums are held during election years. These provide a platform for the candidates to inform members of their views and political backings of county and state issues. Invitations are extended by the club legislative chair to registered Republicans running for office.
- The Barbara Burke Literacy Award is presented each year to students. The students are asked to write essays on a subject chosen by the FMRWC board. The winners receive a cash award based on the content and quality of their essays. Winners are chosen by a committee from the designated school.
- Support local efforts such as the Lee County Domestic Animal Services, Foster Care, Ronald McDonald House, and the Fisher House program.
- The annual “GEM Award” is presented to an outstanding elected official or community leader who demonstrates GREAT leadership, ESTABLISHMENT and implementation of programs/practices for the betterment of the county and MAKES a positive and substantial difference in the community.

Most importantly, our club brings a group of women from diverse backgrounds, opinions, and ideas that work together for a common goal of “promoting political awareness.” We are not just a group of women supporting Republican candidates, we are Republican women supporting the community.

Fort Myers Republican Women's Club, Federated

2012 New and Renewal Membership Form

Name _____ New _____ Renewal _____ Date _____

Address _____ Apt # _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP+4 _____

Contact # including area code: Home _____ Cell/Business _____

E-mail address (please print carefully) _____

Check here ___ to receive newsletter by US Mail, or check here ___ to receive newsletter via E-mail

I am a registered Republican: _____yes

Membership annual dues: Regular, \$20 _____ Patron, \$30 _____ Sponsor, \$50 _____ Associate*, \$10 _____

(*Associate – member of another Federated Republican Women's Club or a male applicant)

Make checks payable to Fort Myers Republican Women 's Club, Federated (FMRWCF)

Mail to: Tina Laurie, Treasurer, 5260 S. Landings Dr. #407, Fort Myers, FL 33919-4675

Why Collect Pop Tabs?

Ronald McDonald House collects pop tabs because the tabs are of high quality aluminum, unlike cans which are a mix of aluminum and other alloys. Tabs are also easier to store than whole cans. The recycling of the tabs is a simple way to help sustain a home away from home for families of seriously ill children. Depending upon the price of aluminum and the amount of tabs collected, Ronald McDonald house can bring in money to help pay for the operation of this House. Please feel free to call the Ronald McDonald House 239-437-0200.

Reservations/Food Choice Needed

In order to accommodate everyone who makes a reservation for our monthly luncheons, it is imperative that you make your reservation by Thursday preceding the luncheon. The chef does not have extra food; therefore, it is virtually impossible to accommodate walk-ins with meals. Also, only those requesting a fruit or vegetable plate at the time the reservation is made will be served a fruit or vegetable plate. Make sure you're comfortable with the main menu when making your reservation!

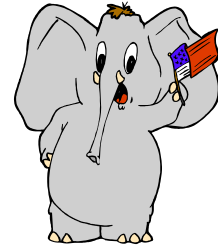


Sunshine
Chair

Please call Anne Morris, our Sunshine Chair, at 481-1754, whenever you know of a member who is ill or in need of club support, so that a card can be sent to let her know that her club is thinking of her. Thanks!



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November Luncheon

Tuesday
November 15

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