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## President's Message

Today is Labor Day. Where did the summer go! I may be ready to wear something other than sandals and shorts but am not sure I'm ready for the busy holiday season that will be here before we know it.

I've heard that many members are ready to meet again. With Trey Radel kicking off our first month back, it should be a signal of good speakers yet to come. Vice President Nancy has lined up Frank Mann, County Commissioner, for October; November is our essay contest, so maybe our new Superintendent will be available.

Elizabeth Nicholson and I will head to Orlando later this month for the FFRW Convention and Presidency V. There will be a nationally televised debate with most of those Republicans who would like to be the nominee next year in attendance. Then there will be a straw poll by the Presidency V attendees. I have my favorite, but will support whoever runs against President Obama. I would even give up either the House or Senate in trade for a President who loves our country. Maybe we can take it all.

Now is not the time for complacency. We need to think about a friend, a neighbor, or a relative to bring to a meeting, and hopefully they will join. There are 47 FFRW clubs. We are number eight in size with 96 regular members—just two behind Lakeland. Naples is close behind with 84 but I can remember when they were close to 300. Needless to say, I was very surprised. It seems that “other” priorities get in the way. We will start now collecting dues for next year . . . and have drawings in Oct, Nov, and Dec for a gift certificate. So pay your dues now and you may be a winner. Also, the member who brings in the most new members will be a separate winner. As you can see, we will concentrate on club strength and getting out the vote in 2012.

With redistricting, it could be that we will have another Congressional seat. There will be many candidates and many forums. Once again we will cover the cost of luncheons as attendees write a check to a favorite candidate. We are known for this . . . and the candidates love it.

I look forward to seeing you in September. Thanks for caring about electing our Republican candidates.

Best,  
*Marilyn Stout*

## Push for the Future

Our club is introducing 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.

**CHECK OUT  
OUR WEBSITE**

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

**2011**

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 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](mailto:jodyvanc@embarqmail.com) no later than the last day of the month preceding the newsletter.

**September 20 Luncheon**

**The Helm Club at The Landings  
 Tuesday, September 20, 2011**

**Cost: \$16.00**

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

**Program: Trey Radel,  
 Conservative Talk Show Host**

RSVP: Tina Laurie, 489-4701  
**by 4 pm on Thursday, September 15, 2011**  
*No shows will be billed.*

Please indicate when making your reservation if you would prefer a fruit or vegetable plate rather than feta-bacon stuffed chicken. This request must be made at the same time as your reservation.

**New Members**

Regular: Linda Doggett, Maggy Terrasi, Michelle Aiden Thomas  
 Associate: Lizbeth Kelly Benacquisto

**Noah's Ark**

Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark:

- ONE: Don't miss the boat.
- TWO: Remember that we are all in the same boat!
- THREE: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- FOUR: Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- FIVE: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- SIX: Build your future on high ground.
- SEVEN: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- EIGHT: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- NINE: When you're stressed, float awhile.
- TEN: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- ELEVEN: No matter the storm, there's always a rainbow waiting.

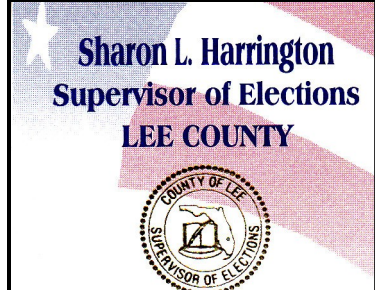
## FOR LEXOPHILES (LOVERS OF WORDS) (PUNS ACTUALLY)

1. A bicycle can't stand alone: It is two tired.
2. A will is a dead giveaway.
3. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
4. The guy who fell on an upholstery machine was fully recovered.
5. A boiled egg is hard to beat.
6. He had a photographic memory which was hard to develop.
7. When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.
8. If you jump off a Paris bridge, you are in Seine.
9. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
10. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
11. Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
12. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
13. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
14. The short fortune teller who escaped from prison is a medium at large.
15. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
16. Acupuncture: a jab well done.
17. The roundest knight at King Arthur's Round Table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
18. Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
19. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
20. The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

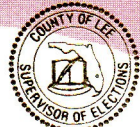
## 2011 Silent Auction Contributors

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

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## Keeper

I grew up with practical parents. A mother, God love her, who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycle queen, before they had a name for it. A father who was happier getting old shoes fixed than buying new ones.

Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away.

I can see them now, Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat and Mom in a house dress, lawn mower in one hand, and dish-towel in the other. It was the time for fixing things. A curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the oven door, the hem in a dress. Things we keep.

It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, eating, renewing, I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.

But then my father died, and on that clear winter's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more.

Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away . . . never to return. So, while we have it . . . It's best we love it . . . and care for it . . . and fix it when It's broken . . . and heal it when it's sick.

This is true . . . for marriage . . . and old cars . . . and children with bad report cards . . . and dogs with bad hips . . . and aging parents . . . and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it.

Some things we keep. Like a best friend that moved away or a classmate we grew up with.

There are just some things that make life important, like people we know who are special . . . and so, we keep them close!

I received this from someone who thinks I am a 'keeper,' so I've sent it to the people I think of in the same way. Now It's your turn to send this to those people who are 'keepers' in your life. Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they are always there. Keep them close!

## Congratulations!

Mary Lee Man was elected chairwoman of the Edison State College board.

Kathy Smith, public defender for the 20th Judicial Circuit, was awarded the Prudential Davis Productivity Award for Sustained Exemplary Individual Achievement for 2011.

## Quotes of the Day

Fathom the hypocrisy of a Government that requires all citizens to prove they are insured . . . but not all must prove they are citizens.

Most people walk in and out of your life, but FRIENDS leave footprints in your heart.

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". *Thomas Jefferson*

# Fort Myers Republican Women's Club, Federated

## 2012 New and Renewal Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

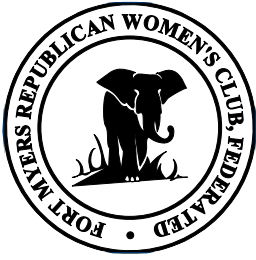
### Reservations/Food Choice Needed

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!

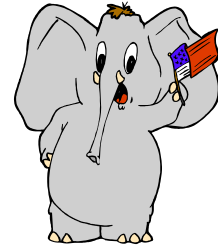


### Sunshine Chair

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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## September Luncheon

Tuesday  
September 20

See You There!



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