

April 2025



PINELLAS FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN

We Walk the Walk!!

Pinellas County's newsletter



**Next meeting will be Thursday, May 1, 2025,
Delukas Bar & Grill, 1343 Cleveland St.,
Clearwater, Florida
See flyer in this newsletter.**

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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President's Message

Goodbye Klaus Schwab



The Founder and the creator of the World Economic Forum and Davos, Klaus Schwab, Harvard educated, has resigned after misconduct allegations. The WEF was created 55 years ago with the promise that all

nations would be economically better off underneath the heading of “fairness”, AKA “globalism”. At one time, America had the comparative advantage in industries such as computer technology. Placing America as a member of the WEF has only served to send more companies overseas to poorer nations with lower labor costs. Manufacturing in our country has been on the downslope for decades. We used to export more of our products. We now have more imports at our expense.

The theory, expressed by Alexandria Ocasio Cortez, that taxing the rich at much higher levels over a certain income threshold, taking the revenue and having 99% of it going to the people with only 1% going to the “Democratically elected”

government, is a lie. Prosperity would be that of the government. To think that this punitive taxation of the wealthy would not change their behavior is blatantly naïve. I thank President Donald J Trump for taking America out of the WEF, the Trans Pacific Partnership, the Paris Climate Accord, and the World Health Organization, thereby placing “America First”.

It is essential for the citizens of other nations to proactively improve their own economies rather than relying on the United States to provide assistance for them. We underwent an American Revolution long ago and crafted a beautiful instrument, the US Constitution, a blueprint for “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness”. I can only hope that other nations will follow our lead.

Pam McAloon
State Committeewoman Pinellas
President Pinellas Federated Republican Women

Join us May 1st for a Legislative Recap by a very distinguished Speaker
Lt.Col.(Retired) U.S. Army, and decorated combat veteran (OPERATION
DESERT STORM) who was awarded the Bronze Star!

Social Networking begins at 5:30 pm
Meeting commences at 6:00 PM

PINELLAS FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN
INVITE YOU TO A SPECIAL PROGRAM



2025 FLORIDA
LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

*Please join us for this month's special guest
Retired Lt. Colonel Kurt Christensen*

MAY 1ST, 2025
THURSDAY, 6:00PM - 7:30PM

DELUKAS RESTAURANT & BAR
1343 CLEVELAND ST.
CLEARWATER, FL 33755

CASH BAR AVAILABLE
MOJITOS
COSMOPOLITANS
OLD FASHIONS
MOSCOW MULES
WINE
CHAMPAGNE
AND MORE



*Men & Women Are Always
Welcome to Join Social Hour for
Networking at 5:30pm*



*Cheers to
GOP
Majority!*

PFRW – Legislature Updates 1st Quarter 2025

❖ The Florida House

After the 2024 elections, where Republicans maintained a supermajority with 85 seats to Democrats' 35, later shifting to 87–33 after two Democrats switched parties' post-election. This supermajority gives Republicans significant control over legislative priorities

❖ Session Coverage (March 4–March 31, 2025)

The regular session began, March 4, 2025, under Speaker Daniel Perez (R), elected for the 2024–2026 term. During March, the House focused on introducing and debating bills, setting the legislative agenda, and beginning committee work. There has been some resistant from the house on Governor DeSantis agenda. Also questions regarding a 10M donation to the Hope Foundation is being scrutinized.

❖ Special Election Florida District 1 & 6 & Voter turnout

The *PFRW participated* in the calling voters in the special elections for U.S. House seats (not the state House) on April 1, these elections, held to replace Matt Gaetz (District 1 with Jimmy Patronis) and Michael Waltz (District 6 with Randy Fine. With both candidates narrowly winning due to a 17% Republican turnout. This is an area for improvement for future elections.

❖ Florida Legislature 2025 -Regular Session Governor's Action Report

In the first quarter of 2025, Florida Legislature passed 53 total bills in both chambers. During this period, the Florida Legislature considered various bills across multiple sectors. While some bills successfully passed both the House and Senate, others are still progressing through the legislative process. Here are the legislative activities from that period:

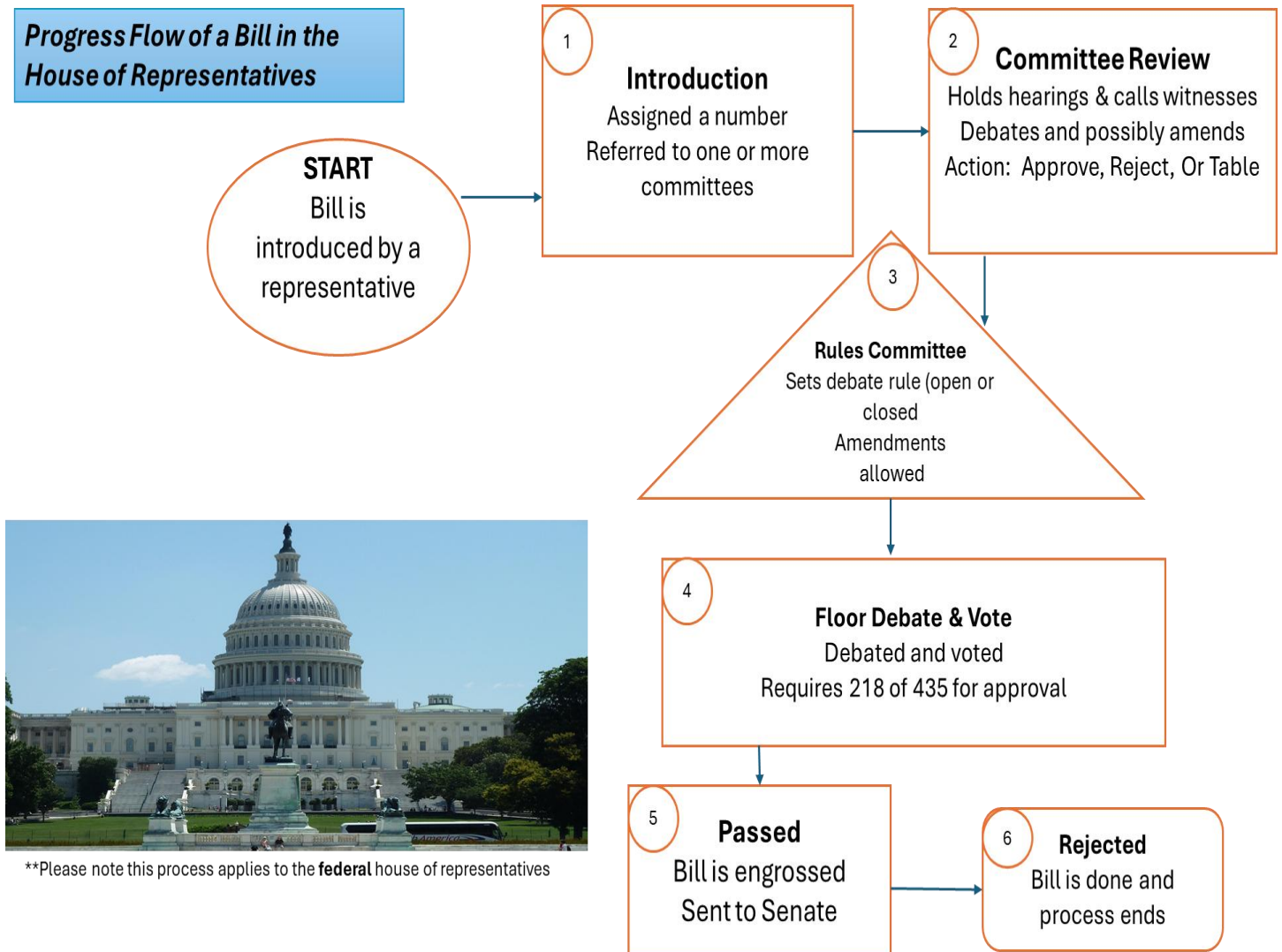
FLORIDA LEGISLATURE 2025 -REGULAR SESSION STATUS OF PASSED BILLS AS OF 04/25/2025			
Governor Action Report			
GENERAL BILLS	SENATE	HOUSE	TOTAL
GENERAL BILLS PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS	4	49	53
LOCAL BILLS PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS	0	0	0
APPROVED BY GOVERNOR	4	6	10
VETOED BY GOVERNOR	0	0	0
BECAME LAW WITHOUT GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE	0	0	0
PENDING IN GOVERNOR'S OFFICE	0	8	8
GOVERNOR HAS NOT RECEIVED	0	32	32
CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS	1	0	1
JOINT RESOLUTIONS	0	0	0
MEMORIALS			
Bill Information Reports - The Florida Senate			

Reference: Register for tomorrow's Case Study Review

Boosting Voter turnout by 8.6 Points

Numinar partnered with the **Center for Campaign Innovation** to test the effect relational organizing had on low propensity voter turnout. Vote records in Florida, they found that voters who **received a text message from a friend** or someone they knew were 8.6% likely to VOTE, while traditional campaign texts had little impact on turnout. [Measuring The Power of Personal Connection: A Relational Organizing Field Test - Center for Campaign Innovation](#)

How a Bill is passed through the US House of Representatives



Differences in the Federal House of Representatives -vs- the Florida State House

Aspect	U.S. Federal House of Representatives	Florida House of Representatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill Numbering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bill numbering (e.g., "H.R. 1234") are specific to the U.S. House of Representatives in Congress. "H.R." stands for "House of Representatives" at the federal level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bill numbering for the Florida House starts with HB. "H.B." stands for "House Bill".
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committees like Judiciary or Appropriations aligns with standing committees in the U.S. House, not the Florida House of Representatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Florida House of Representatives has different committee names (e.g., Judiciary Committee exists, but Appropriations is structured differently at the state level).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rules Committees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Rules Committee is a powerful body unique to the U.S. House of Representatives. Some state legislatures have rules committees, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Florida House operates with a different procedural framework, relying more on its "speaker" and calendar processes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Majority Threshold 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The majority threshold of "218 of 435" matches the federal House's total membership. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Florida House of Representatives has 120 members, requiring 61 votes for a simple majority.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Legislative Step 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The step of sending the bill to the "Senate" after engrossment refers to the U.S. Senate in the federal bicameral system. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Florida, a bill passing the House goes to the Florida Senate, but the document's context and terminology lean federal.

Differences in committee structures, procedural rules, and membership sizes reflect their distinct roles in federal versus state governance.

Stay Informed: Track Florida Legislation with Ease!



Choose Your Preferred Tracking Tool



Florida House of Representatives (FlHouse.gov)

- 🚀 Official legislative tracking system
- ✓ Search by bill number and more
- ✓ Track active Florida Bills

Florida Legislature | 2025 Regular Session (LegiScan)

- 🚀 Dashboard Includes:
- ✓ Active Florida Bills
- ✓ Top Sponsors & Committees
- ✓ Most Viewed & Monitored Bills
- ✓ Florida Sessions Overview

Fast Democracy (FastDemocracy.com)

- 🚀 Features:
- ✓ Track bills by topic and state
- ✓ Personalized alerts on key issues
- ✓ Simplified, user-friendly tracking

Bill Citator

- 📊 Stay Organized with:
- ✓ Canned reports to easily follow legislation
- ✓ Quick search & citation tracking

CitizenPortal.ai – Pinellas County (CitizenPortal.ai)

- 📍 Local Insights:
- ✓ Pinellas County breakdown
- ✓ Clear, concise summaries of public meetings
- ✓ Stay informed with ease!

Congress.gov

- 🚀 Advanced Search Features:
 - ✓ General reports and more advanced customized reports to include queries using SQL
 - ✓ Get alerts to be notified of updates such as new actions, amendments, etc.
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Memorial Day Flag Placement

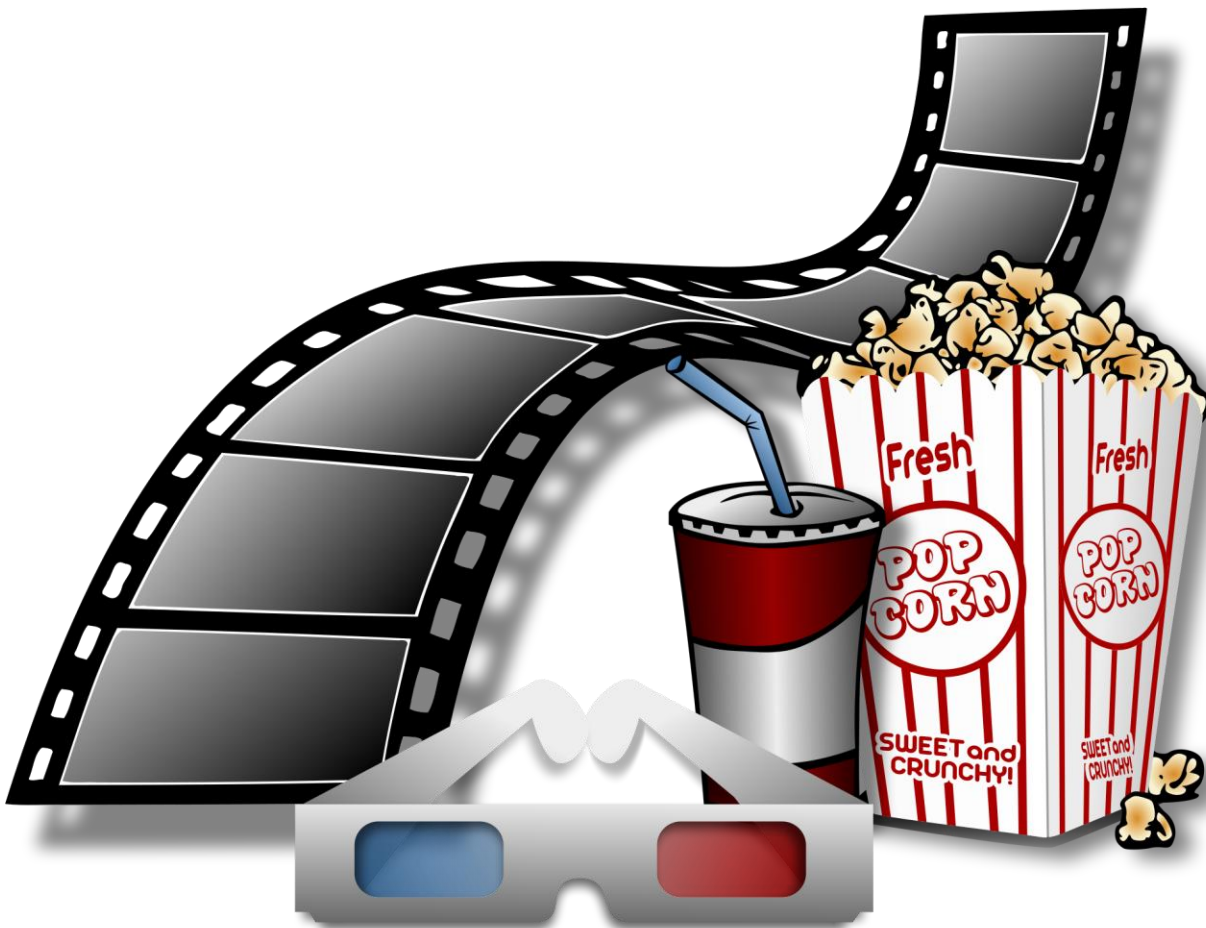
Every year Pinellas FRW decorates the graves of our fallen heroes at Bay Pines National Cemetery. We need volunteers and donations. The older flags have been retired due to mold and mildew issues. I am inserting the hyperlink for donations. I am asking our Board to approve a donation from our club. There are many graves to decorate, and it will be either all or nothing. Please let me know if you have an interest in decorating the graves. More instructions are forthcoming. I just need a list of names. Thank you!

The following is the hyperlink: <http://www.baypinesflags.com/>



Join Us for a Movie, Appetizers, Popcorn, raffles, and fun!

Details to Follow!



Member Spotlight



Lavinia Elena Weisz is a Romanian-born Christian who immigrated to the United States in 2012. She is a Romanian attorney who has dedicated nearly a decade to the field of U.S. immigration law. Lavinia is a fervent advocate for truth and is actively engaged in political and civic matters in both the United States and Romania.

Welcome to Pinellas Federated Republican Women!!

Our Committees

Join One!! Have Fun!!



Committees are the machinery of an organization. We need staff to make it function. Please consider joining any or all of the following:

EVENTS: Chairman Jackie Sanders

If you would like to help plan an event for our club, please join this committee.

MEMBERSHIP: Chairman: Anju Galer

We are looking to grow and expand with like-minded women. Let's grow our membership. Attached to this newsletter is our membership application. Please share with friends and relatives.

PUBLICITY: Chairman Bonnie Steinberg

If you have an article of interest that you would like to submit to the Publicity Committee, please do so no later than the end of the third week of the 3rd month from today. We are now doing a Quarterly Newsletter. Deadline is the last Wednesday of the month.

Legislative/Campaign: Pam McAloon

Voter Registration and following bills up in Tallahassee plus sign waving, door knocking and or phone banking or contacting by texting.

Bylaws: Julie Vayne

If you like to read and interpret our bylaws, suggest amendments or just be knowledgeable about the rules by which we function, please consider this committee,

Special Committees:

Caring for America: Doris Sotirellis

Caring for America encompasses the community, our schools, support for young mothers, mentorship, etc.

Armed Services: Stacie Bolin

Supporting our troops, our veterans, is a major focus of this committee. Please consider joining.



Time to renew your membership!! We have a new mailing address and payment can now be made via Cash app. In the app search for PinellasFRW. The membership renewal fee is still \$30. Thank you for all you do for the club, Florida, and for our country!

If you haven't paid your membership dues, please do so in order to keep your membership active.

If you have renewed, THANK YOU!!

We NEED You!! It Takes Dedicated members to get things done!!

Please reach out to Anju Galer, 2nd VP/Membership, at pfrw2020@gmail.com, 917-805-4742.

Pinellas FRW website: pinellasfrw.com

Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/282887896355480/>

Membership Application

Pinellas Federated Republican Women

PO BOX # 254
Clearwater, Florida 33757



NEW MEMBER/RENEWAL

Name: _____

Nickname _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Military service/elected official _____

Areas of interest: (check at least one)

- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Legislation
- ☐ Campaign Activities
- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Voter Registration
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Special Skills _____

Dues are \$30.00 annually with renewal due in January of each year by cash or check payable to Pinellas Federated Republican Women or PFRW. Payment can also be remitted via Cash App, ID \$Pinellas-FRW. Please mail your check to: Pinellas Federated Republican Women P.O.BOX # 254 Clearwater, Florida 33757.

You must be a registered Republican in good standing to be eligible to join. Associate memberships, are available for men.

Any questions contact Anju Galer, 2nd VP/Membership, at pfrw2020@gmail.com, 917-805-4742.

For office use only

VR # _____

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DATES TO REMEMBER



PFRW Monthly Meeting

Thursday, May 1st – 2025 Florida Legislative Updates

Members Circle

