

May 2025



## PINELLAS FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN

**We Walk the Walk!!**

Pinellas County's newsletter



**Next meeting will be Thursday, June 5, 2025,  
Delukas Bar & Grill, 1343 Cleveland St.,  
Clearwater, Florida  
See flyer in this newsletter.**

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pam McAloon: President  
1st Vice President: Stacy Geier  
2nd Vice President: Anju Galer  
Secretary: Jacqueline Sanders  
Treasurer: Janelle Makowski

Website: [pinellasfrw.com](http://pinellasfrw.com)

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## President's Message

### Memorial Day and Flag Placements on the Graves of our Fallen Heroes



My message this month centers upon Memorial Day, a day on which we honor our fallen heroes and veterans who gave and sacrificed so much in order that we may keep our constitutional freedoms alive

and well.

Our Pinellas Federated Republican Women's club has been decorating the graves paying tribute to our heroes, ever since our club was chartered, which was in 2020.

This year, flag placements will take place on Sunday, May 25th, beginning at 8:30 am at Bay Pines National Cemetery. We will be placing the flags in section F-I. I have already signed up to participate, and I hope that more of you will join me. We can also meet for brunch afterwards. If you are unable to participate in this very important task, Flag Retirement will take place Sunday, June 5th, 2025, at 9 am. Please choose one or the other or both. It would be lovely if we could get together at least a group of five to place the flags. The hyperlink,

copied and pasted for the instructions, is the following: [Microsoft Word - 2025 VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTIONS BAY PINES NATIONAL CEMETERY](#)

Bring a screwdriver, a 12-inch ruler, and a rubber mallet if you have one.

We are allowed to wear our club t shirts.

#### Origin of Memorial Day:

Memorial Day began three years after the conclusion of the Civil War, May 5th, 1868, by the Grand Army of the Republic, under Major General John Logan, who established May 30th as Decoration Day for the fallen soldiers. The first major observance occurred that same year at Arlington National Cemetery. Memorial Day was later expanded to include fallen soldiers from all wars.

Let us Never Forget!

Pam McAloon  
State Committeewoman Pinellas  
President Pinellas Federated Republican Women

PINELLAS FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
INVITE YOU TO A SPECIAL PROGRAM



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

*Please join us for this month's special guest*

*State Representative Berny Jacques  
Introducing Kassy Brewer, Advocacy liaison for  
Selah Freedom, anti human trafficking*

**JUNE, 5TH, 2025**

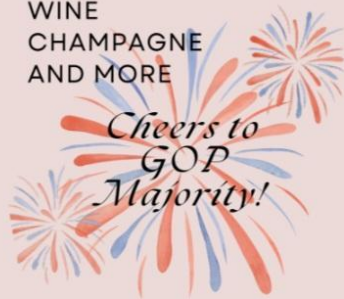
**THURSDAY, 6:00PM - 7:30PM**

**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  
Social Hour at 5:30pm*

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Representative

Berny Jacques is a dedicated legislator serving District 59 in the Florida House of Representatives, which includes Largo, parts of Seminole, Pinellas Park, and unincorporated Clearwater. Berny holds a Bachelor's in History and Political Studies from Washington Adventist University and a Juris Doctor from Stetson University College of Law. Berny's legal career spans roles as an Assistant State Attorney and civil litigation attorney. His achievements include recognition as a "Legal Elite" by *Florida Trend* (2016) and a "Rising Star" by *Super Lawyers* (2018).

Beyond his legal work, Representative Jacques is deeply committed to community service, serving as Senior Director of Special Projects at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay and as a mentor since 2013. His public service record includes appointments by Governor Ron DeSantis to the Sixth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission and by Sheriff Bob Gualtieri to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Civil Service Board.

Since his election, Representative Jacques has been active in championing reforms through impactful legislation. Notable

achievements include HB 1451, granting law enforcement greater authority to investigate crimes in Department of Corrections facilities, HB 1291, ensuring teacher preparation programs are free of divisive ideologies, and HB 1181, which enhances accountability for minors in illegal firearm possession. He also sponsored HB 415, creating a comprehensive resource website for expectant parents. Additionally, his work on SB 1036 ensures stricter penalties for criminal illegal aliens, underscoring his commitment to public safety.

For the 2025 Legislative Session, Representative Jacques serves as Chair of the Careers & Workforce Subcommittee, leading efforts to expand economic opportunities and workforce development. Representative Jacques is a member of the Education & Employment Committee, Security & Threat Assessment Committee, Criminal Justice Subcommittee, Justice Budget Subcommittee, and Insurance & Banking Subcommittee. These assignments reflect his commitment to public safety, education, and economic growth for Floridians.

A proud Seminole resident, Berny remains focused on creating a safer, stronger, and more prosperous Florida.



# Julie Marcus

PINELLAS COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Remember: **Mail Ballots must be re requested!!** Mail Ballot requests expire after an election cycle (**Every two years**). **Request yours at [votepinellas.com](http://votepinellas.com) if you have not already.**

Great News!!!! The following is the latest voter registration numbers by Party in Pinellas County.

- **Active Registered Voters: 5/20/25**
- **Democrat: 190,466**
- **Republican: 233,988**
- **Other: 170,396**
- **Total: 594,850**

**FYI: Miami Dade has also flipped **RED**!!!! Let us not rest on our laurels. We have work to do!!**

**We Walk the Walk!!!**



## **Pinellas Federated Republican Women Spotlights**

### **Milosz Gasior**

#### **Defying Autism with Music**



**Our Christmas Pianist's Bio as written by his mother, Bozena Gasior**

#### **Milosz Gasior – Defying Autism with Music**

**Milosz is a classically trained pianist with autism who is minimally verbal yet speaks volumes through his music. Despite the challenges of his diagnosis, he has performed across the U.S. and Poland — in hospitals, schools, cultural centers, churches, and on prestigious stages.**

**He is the first piano major with autism to graduate from the Pinellas County Center for the Arts (PCCA) in the school's 35-year history. In 2024, he was named Mr. Inspirational by HUG (Help Us Gather), honored as Young Performer of the Year by Arts4All Florida at the University of South Florida, and became a recipient of the 2024/2025 Creative Pinellas Fund.**

**For nearly a year, Milosz has been volunteering by performing at Moffitt Cancer Center, bringing healing and hope to patients and families. His story has been featured on national TV in Poland and highlighted on the TEDx stage, where his mother — author of his biography *I Heard the Light* — shared his journey while Milosz performed live.**

***Pinellas Federated Republican Women is proud to support Milosz by giving him the platform he deserves — including hiring him as a featured entertainer for our annual Christmas celebrations. His performances not only elevate our events but also inspire and unite our community in the spirit of inclusion and hope.***

## **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, Honor Flights are major focuses of this committee. Please consider joining.**



**We are very excited to welcome all the new and returning members. Thank you for your membership and your involvement. You make the difference!! If interested, please reach out to Pam McAloon 727.421.1608 or email [pmaloo@aol.com](mailto:pmaloo@aol.com)**

**Let's Welcome our New Members!!!!**



***Welcome to the Pinellas Federated Republican Women's Club where we Walk the Walk and not just talk the talk. We need You!!***

***Deadlines!!***

***National Federation of Republican Women Convention Link. Let's GO!!***

***<https://www.nfrw.org/convention-orlando2025?zs=fU6pb&zl=foAV4>***

**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 Pinellas FRW. 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](mailto:pfrw2020@gmail.com), 917-805-4742.**

**Pinellas FRW website: [pinellasfrw.com](http://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](mailto:pfrw2020@gmail.com), 917-805-4742.

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**



### **Memorial Day**

**Monday, May 26th**

### **PFRW Monthly Meeting**

**Thursday, June 5th**

### **Movie Night Fundraiser**

**Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> Seating is limited.  
RSVP with payment by June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please RSVP to 727-421-1608**



## Members Circle

