



PINELLAS FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN

We Walk the Walk!!

Pinellas County's newsletter



Next meeting will be Thursday, February 5th, 6PM.
Delukas Bar & Grill, 1343 Cleveland St., Clearwater, FL
See flyer in this newsletter.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Stacy Geier:
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President's Message



As I begin my presidency, I want to start with gratitude. I am thankful to Julie Vayne for founding this club and setting us on a strong course, and to Pam McAloon for charging us forward and leading with

strength and conviction. I am also deeply grateful to all past and current board members and committee members who have dedicated their time and talents to this organization.

It is my goal to honor the work begun by these outstanding leaders and to continue growing our club as we promote Republican values within our community.

Our club is built on action, not words. We consistently create opportunities that reflect our mission and strengthen our impact in the community. I believe learning is a lifelong process, and as a club we grow through shared experiences—whether that's reminding others to vote, volunteering for campaigns, serving as poll watchers or advisory board members, or attending political events together.

It is especially important to emphasize voting within our sphere of influence. Many races are won or lost by just a few votes. We are fortunate to have members like Mark Blum who present data in a clear, easy-to-understand way that motivates action at the polls. He recently shared data from a St. Petersburg election in which a socialist won the mayoral seat with only 837 votes, while more than 20,000 Republicans did not vote. This underscores just how critical it is that we encourage voter participation. Some members of our club may consider stepping into a campaign for public office. This is not a decision to take lightly, as running for office requires perseverance and

strong support from those around you. If running for office is not the right path for you, volunteering on a campaign is a wonderful way to get involved. It allows you to truly learn what a candidate stands for while also providing encouragement and building meaningful relationships between elected officials and their constituents.

Poll watching is another crucial way to ensure transparent and fair elections. Our Pinellas GOP Chair, Adam Ross, has scheduled several poll-watching trainings this year on May 23, June 27, July 25, September 5, and October 3. I strongly encourage you to attend one of these trainings and consider volunteering as a poll watcher.

Pinellas County and local municipalities also offer opportunities to serve on advisory boards. Currently, applications are being accepted for two positions on the Pinellas County Housing Finance Authority Board. More information can be found at: <https://pinellas.gov/news/vacancy-announced-on-pinellas-county-housing-finance-authority-2/>

I also encourage you to attend political events throughout the county. Flag wavings and rallies are energizing opportunities to gather with like-minded individuals and stay motivated. Political forums provide valuable insight into local, state, and federal issues and are an excellent way to learn more about candidates. Please attend any events you are able to.

As we enter this election year, let's do all we can to encourage voter turnout and remain actively engaged in our community.

Stacy Geier, President PFRW

PINELLAS FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN
INVITE YOU TO A SPECIAL PROGRAM



STRATEGIES TO KEEP PINELLAS RED

Please join us for this month's special guest speaker

Adam Ross

Tax Collector and Chairman, Pinellas GOP

FEBRUARY 5TH, 2026

THURSDAY, 6:00PM - 7:30PM

DELUKAS RESTAURANT & BAR

1343 CLEVELAND ST.
CLEARWATER, FL 33755



*Men & Women Are Always Welcome
Social Hour at 5:30pm*

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CASH BAR AVAILABLE

MOJITOS
COSMOPOLITANS
OLD FASHIONS
MOSCOW MULES
WINE
CHAMPAGNE
AND MORE

*Cheers to
GOP
Majority!*



Power in **EVERY STEP**

FFRW 2026 Legislative Day
and leadership training
February 12-13, 2026



FFRW 2026 Legislative Day and Leadership Training

Thu, Feb 12

FL State Capital

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Sat Feb 14th 9-11am
Klosterman Rd & US Hwy 19 Palm Harbor

This Valentine's Day

LET'S UNITE & RALLY

Let us show Love & Appreciation for our dedicated, hard-working Leaders in DC/Tally.

Thank God for their commitment
that strengthens our communities
every day.



Civic love is real
and it starts with
PARTICIPATION

Immigration and Assimilation

Submitted by Pam McAloon

One of my many kitchen table discussions, as a child, with my grandmother, centered upon the beauty of America and the freedom it brings by allowing the individual to charter his or her own course in life. She also touched upon the fact that we are a nation of immigrants; people who have added to America's prosperity.

Grandma was correct. Many who came to America did add prosperity to our nation. They came here legally; requiring that they be in good health and had to support themselves. The urbanization of America became abundant due to industrialization and massive immigration; particularly in the late 19th century, thereby creating its own challenges.

Post World War 1, and in anticipation of another wave of immigration, the Johnson Reed Act of 1924 was signed into law

limiting immigration quotas from other countries, barring Asia. This lasted for 40 years thereby giving immigrants time to assimilate into American culture.

Assimilation is essential. Our nation was founded upon Judeo Christian moral values without mandating a state sponsored religion. Our founding fathers were deists. As we are aware, the Bill of Rights supports the fundamental rights of man.

A foreign country does not have the right to override our U.S. Constitution nor our laws. Alexander Hamilton, an immigration enthusiast, warned about indiscriminate immigration. To quote him, "To admit foreigners indiscriminately to the rights of citizens would be nothing less than to admit the Grecian Horse into the Citadel of our Liberty and Sovereignty." I agree.



FLORIDA 2026 MID-TERM ELECTIONS

GROWTH AND OVERDEVELOPMENT ARE EMERGING AS FLASHPOINTS—FLORIDA'S POPULATION IS NEARING 25 MILLION, STRAINING INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

Mid-Terms and Gubernatorial race showdown

2026 Governor's Race

Republicans running:

- U.S. Rep. Byron Donalds - currently leads GOP polls
- James Fishback - Former investment firm & person behind DOGE
- Paul Renner - Former Speaker of the house
- Lt. Governor, Jay Collins - former member of the Florida senate

Democrats running:

- Former U.S. Rep. David Jolly
- Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings

- Florida's Affordability
- Property Tax Battles with local cities
- Rising Insurance
- Recreational Marijuana Referendum
- Redistricting & Voting Rights
- Reproductive Rights & Gun Reforms

Current & Upcoming Elections 2026 Elections

- Mail Ballot Request Deadline: February 26 at 5 pm
- August 18, 2026 -Primary Election
- Registration Deadline: July 20
- Mail Ballot Request Deadline: August 6 at 5 pm
- Early Voting: August 8 to 16
- November 3, 2026-General Election
- Registration Deadline: October 5
- Mail Ballot Request Deadline: October 22 at 5 pm
- Early Voting: October 19 to November 1



Submitted by Debbie Wilson

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:

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

MEMBERSHIP: Chairman: Lavinia Weisz

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 last Wednesday of the month.

LEGISLATIVE/CAMPAIGN: Debra Wilson

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!!

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

Time to renew your membership!! Payment can 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!

Dues can also be paid through the website pinellasfrw.com. Go to join the movement scroll down and click on the payment button and make the \$30.00 payment.

Please reach out to Lavinia Weisz, 2nd VP/Membership, at lavystyle@gmail.com 727-597-2704.

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Membership Application

Pinellas Federated Republican Women

PO Box #254

Clearwater, FL 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 may also be remitted via Cash App, ID \$Pinellas-FRW or through our website pinellasfrw.com. Go to join the movement scroll down and click on the payment button and make the \$30.00 payment.

Please mail your check to: Pinellas Federated Republican Women PO Box #254 Clearwater, FL 33757

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

Any questions contact Lavinia Weisz, 2nd VP/Membership, at Lavystyle@gmail.com 727-597-2704

For office use only

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DATES TO REMEMBER



PFRW Monthly Meeting

Thursday, February 5th

FFRW Legislative Day

Thursday & Friday, February 12th–13th

Valentine's Day

Saturday, February 14th

Rally

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President's Day

Monday, February 16th

Members Circle



Have a story to share? We welcome comments from all members.
Please contact Stacy Geier at stacy.geier@gmail.com