



PINELLAS FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN

We Walk the Walk!!

Pinellas County's newsletter



Next meeting will be Thursday, September 3rd 6PM.
Clearwater Library East at SPC Community Room
2465 Drew St., Clearwater, FL
See flyer in this newsletter.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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President's Message



This year marks 25 years since the attacks of September 11, 2001. As I reflect on that time, I remember watching the attacks unfold live while very pregnant with my first child. I remember how the hope and excitement I felt about bringing my first child into the world was suddenly replaced by fear of the world I was bringing her into.

But that fear did not last. In the days and weeks that followed, I witnessed something I will never forget—a renewed sense of community, patriotism, and love for our nation. In many ways, that renewed spirit gave me a different kind of hope: hope in the strength of the American people and in our ability to come together during even our darkest moments.

I want to encourage each of you to take a moment this month to reflect on September 11th and how that day affected our nation and each of us personally. We have members of our club who were in New York during the attacks and who carry very difficult memories of that day and the days that followed. I am especially grateful for their willingness to share their experiences and perspectives with us.

The days following September 11th were filled with patriotism. I remember driving through neighborhoods where house after house proudly displayed the American flag. People seemed kinder and more forgiving toward one another. Differences were put aside, and for a time, we were reminded of what we had in common. We were Americans, and we were proud of this great nation.

As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country this year, I find myself thinking about all that America has overcome. Our history has not been perfect. We have endured wars, including a devastating Civil War; struggled through the ugliness of slavery; fought for women's right to

vote; faced the assassinations and attempted assassinations of our leaders; and overcome countless other challenges that have tested our nation.

Yet through it all, America has endured.

Today, one of the challenges before us is something much quieter but no less important: civic apathy. In our most recent primary election, many local races were decided with voter turnout of only 31%. While primary elections traditionally have lower participation, these races matter. Judges, municipal officials, school board members, and other local leaders make decisions that directly affect our families and our communities.

We have an important opportunity to change that.

As we look toward November, and beyond, I encourage each of us to make a commitment to be engaged in every election, not just the ones that receive the most attention. Talk to your family, your friends, and your neighbors. Make sure they know when and where to vote. Encourage them to learn about the candidates and the issues, and most importantly, encourage them to make their voices heard.

Twenty-five years ago, our nation was reminded just how much we have in common. Twenty-five years later, as we celebrate 250 years of America, perhaps we can carry that same spirit forward.

Let us remember where we have been, be grateful for how far we have come, and remain hopeful about where we are going. Our nation's story is still being written, and each of us has a part in it.

May we never take our freedom for granted. May we continue to honor those who sacrificed for it. And may we always remember that the strength of this great nation begins with citizens who care enough to participate.

Stacy Geier,
President PFRW

PINELLAS FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN
INVITE YOU TO A SPECIAL PROGRAM



We The Americans

*We invite PFRW members and their guests to join us for
this month's special guest speakers*

Avi Kol - Antisemitism

Olga Lazuka - Story of an immigrant (legal) in America

Pamela McAloon - Freedom to be an American

SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2026

FROM 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

SOCIAL HOURS: 5:30 PM

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

CLEARWATER LIBRARY EAST AT SPC-COMMUNITYROOM
PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN VENUE FOR THIS MEETING.

2465 DREW ST
CLEARWATER, FL 33765

LANCE WILL BE CATERING AGAIN FOR ANYONE INTERESTED.
THE COST IS \$20 AND NEED TO RSVP BY AUGUST 31ST
TO PFRW2020@GMAIL.COM

*Cheers to
GOP
Majority!*



Events



50-DAYS OF PRAYER

50 DAY FIGHT

Preserving the America we love
for 250 more years!



Micah Beckwith
Lt. Governor of Indiana

Join us as we launch this prayer
initiative with a LIVE event at
LaTeresita Restaurant
3248 W. Columbus Ave., Tampa
on Sept. 20th at 6pm.

www.50DayFight.com

For more information: 727-536-2273



SAVE THE DATE

for a
CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF FUNDRAISER
benefitting

Kathleen PETERS
Pinellas County Commission

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BRIAN SCOTT
FOR PINELLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Wednesday, September 2, 2026
5:00 PM

Feather Sound Country Club
2201 Feather Sound Drive, Clearwater, FL 33762

For more information & to RSVP, please contact Rick Porter
Rick@Porter-Strategies.com

Kim Berfield
FOR FLORIDA HOUSE

SUPERWALK

 Come meet our neighbors with 

Kimberly “Kim” Berfield

Saturday, August 29, 2026
Start: 9:00am - Meet for Lunch: 12:30pm

Wildflower Cafe
1465 S. Fort Harrison Ave , Clearwater

Lunch, campaign t-shirts for first-time walkers, and water will be provided.

**If you're able to attend,
please call/text 813-416-7337.**

Campaign donations from an individual or corporation are limited to \$1,000 during any election period. Florida law requires us to report the name, mailing address and occupation of individual's donations exceeding \$100. Entertainment paid for and approved by Kimberly “Kim” Berfield, Republican, for Florida State Representative.

SUPER SATURDAY!

BERNY
Jacques ★
— FOR —
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

August 29th | 9:15am
13344 66th St N, Largo, FL 33771

Join us for our Super Saturday! We'll be going door-to-door asking voters for their support and hearing constituent concerns. Coffee, donuts, and pizza will be provided!
Meet at Liberty House Cafe, walk, and enjoy lunch at Super Sardo's Pizza afterwards.

RSVP to
Cassidy Hill at (920) 285-8365 or Cassidy@bernyforflorida.com

Paid by Berny Jacques, Republican, for State Representative.

The Host Committee

Hon. Adam Anderson	Hon. Nick DiCeglie	RJ Myers
Brian Aungst, Jr.	Hon. Dave Eggers	Hon. Vince Nowicki
Hon. Rick Baker	Mack Feldman	Brooke Palmer
Brian Battaglia	Ashley Green	Aakash Patel
Jenny Beck	Hon. Bob Gualtieri	Hon. Kathleen Peters
Hon. Kim Berfield	Nick Hansen	Hon. Bruce Rector
Mardi Beasolo	Hon. Mike Harting	Jim Rimes
Hon. Jay Beyensel	Fred Hemmer	Hon. Adam Ross
Hon. Robert Blackmon	Hon. Laura Hine	John Savage
Joshua Bornstein	Jake Holehouse	Hon. Chris Scherer
Hon. Jeff Brandes	Jim Holton	Hon. Brian Scott
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Rob Britts	Hon. Benny Jacques	Hon. Chris Sprowls
Roger Broderick	Jason Jensen	Melody Stang
Hon. Ken Burke	Rob Kapusta	Johnathan Stanton
Nick Cambas	Craig Kuhl	Marshall & Wendt Stevens
Angelo Cappelli	Jon Reno La Budde	Rhett Stevens
Hon. Linda Chaney	Owen LaFave	Alan & Sarah Suskey
Katie Cole	Jerry Lavelly	Hon. Mike Twitty
Michael Connor	Ian Leavengood	Steve & Nancy Westphal
Will Conroy	Lettelier Family	Richard Winning
Michael Corcoran	Robert McBride	Reza Yazdani
Kimberly Davis	Hon. Ed Montanari	

(due to formation at time of printing)

Cordially invite you to the campaign kick-off fundraiser benefiting

Melissa Rutland
for State Representative

Wednesday, August 26th
5:30pm – 7:00pm

St. Petersburg Yacht Club
11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

To join the host committee or RSVP, please contact
Rick Porter at Rick@Porter-Strategies.com

Contributions are not deductible for federal income tax purposes.
Suggested minimum contribution \$250

Political advertisement paid for and approved by Melissa Rutland, Republican, for State Representative, District 60.
Paid political advertisement paid for by Friends of Melissa Rutland, 527 East Park Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

N Pinellas Republican Campaign Office

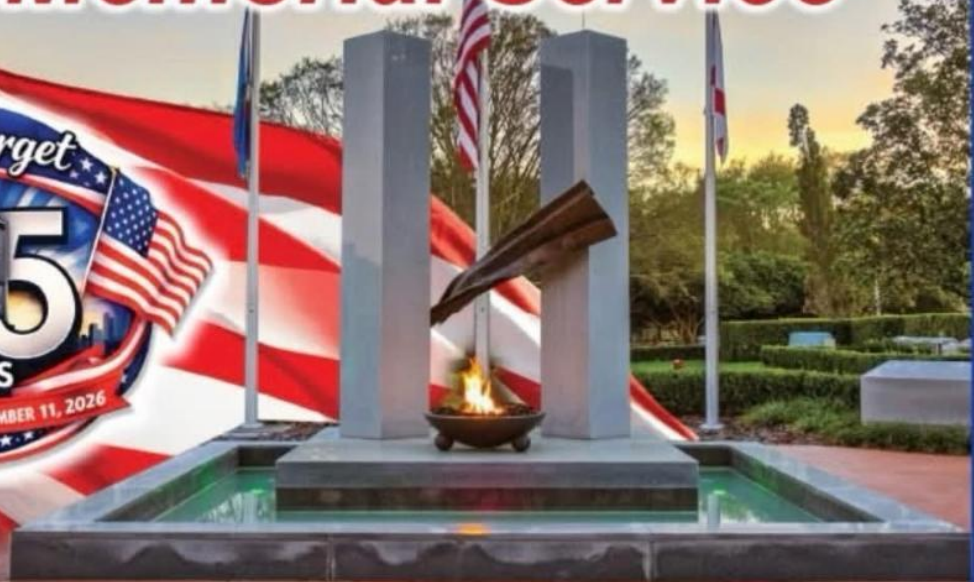
31564 US HWY 19 N, Palm Harbor, FL 34684

Volunteer Opportunities
Yard Signs
Campaign Merch
Candidate Information

Open M-F 10am - 2pm

For appointments outside of office hours call
Mike Carroll 315.591.1234
northpinellasrepublicanclub@gmail.com

9/11 Memorial Service



**SEPTEMBER 11
10:00 AM**

**Curlew Hills
Memory Gardens**

**1750 Curlew Road
Palm Harbor**



Keynote Speaker

Genelle Guzman-McMillan

*Last Survivor Rescued
from the World Trade Center Site*

*Master of Ceremony
Mark Wilson*

- Helicopter Flyovers & Honor Guards
- Tampa Bay Heralds of Harmony
- Student 9/11 Art Displays
- Bald Eagle from Tampa Bay Raptor Rescue
- Memorial Wreath Placement

**Our 9/11 Memorial Lights
Will Shine Bright**



8-10:00 p.m.

September 10 & 11

*Rain or shine.
Drive by to see this
beautiful remembrance!*



Curlew Hills
MEMORY GARDENS

CurlewHills.com 727.789.2000

*Dick Martin
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**MORGAN
& MORGAN**



A vibrant, cartoon-style graphic for the Florida election campaign. At the top, a thermometer with a red bulb is positioned next to the text "FLORIDA BEAT THE HEAT --that's not GOOD ENOUGH FOR NOVEMBER!!!". The background features a sunset over a beach with palm trees, a map of Florida outlined in yellow, and the Florida state flag. In the center, three cartoon characters are shown: a woman holding a clipboard that says "PRIMARY VICTORY!" with a red checkmark, a man in a blue polo shirt with "TEAM FLORIDA" and a red outline of Florida on it, and a boy wearing a "NOVEMBER MISSION" cap and holding a megaphone that says "TURN OUT THE VOTE!". Below the characters are two informational boxes. The left box, titled "CLEARWATER HIGHLIGHTS", lists "SEAT 4 JARED LEONE WINS!" and "SEAT 5 SAM WILSON & MARK BUNKER ADVANCE!". The right box, titled "REPUBLICAN TURNOUT", shows a bar chart increasing from 25% to 32% and the slogan "WE CAN DO BETTER!". At the bottom, a row of six icons with corresponding text provides campaign advice: "VOTE EARLY. VOTE BY MAIL. START NOW!", "TALK TO NEIGHBORS. KNOCK DOORS.", "TEXT. CALL. FOLLOW UP. MAKE IT PERSONAL.", "FOCUS ON OUR VOTERS & NEW RESIDENTS.", and "KEEP IT SIMPLE. KEEP IT LOCAL. KEEP FLORIDA ON TRACK.". The bottom section contains the text "THE PRIMARY IS OVER. THE GENERAL ELECTION IS THE REAL FIGHT. STAY ENGAGED. THE REAL WORK BEGINS NOW." followed by a red banner with the text "★ STAY ENGAGED ★ NOVEMBER IS COMING! ★".

FLORIDA BEAT THE HEAT --that's not GOOD ENOUGH FOR NOVEMBER!!!

PRIMARY VICTORY!

TEAM FLORIDA

NOVEMBER MISSION

TURN OUT THE VOTE!

CLEARWATER HIGHLIGHTS

- ☒ **SEAT 4**
JARED LEONE WINS!
- ☒ **SEAT 5**
SAM WILSON & MARK BUNKER ADVANCE!

REPUBLICAN TURNOUT

25% → 32%

WE CAN DO BETTER!

VOTE EARLY. VOTE BY MAIL. START NOW!

TALK TO NEIGHBORS. KNOCK DOORS.

TEXT. CALL. FOLLOW UP. MAKE IT PERSONAL.

FOCUS ON OUR VOTERS & NEW RESIDENTS.

KEEP IT SIMPLE. KEEP IT LOCAL. KEEP FLORIDA ON TRACK.

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STAY ENGAGED. THE REAL WORK BEGINS NOW.

★ STAY ENGAGED ★ NOVEMBER IS COMING! ★

August PFRW Meeting





Sign up for Poll Watcher Training



It is time to secure the polls during Primary Election and General Election early voting and election days. Please send us an email to let us know which date you can attend Poll Watcher Training by sending a date confirmation email to administrator@pinellasrepublicans.com.

Materials will be provided as part of the training. All instructions and supervision will be conducted by the Election Day Operations team.

As a reminder, you must attend a training session in order to work as a poll watcher.

Dates to choose from (only one necessary):

- Saturday, September 5th
- Saturday, October 3rd

Time: 10AM

Location for Training:

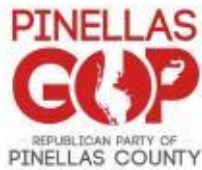
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9800 4th St N
St Petersburg, FL 3370

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January 1, 2026

2026 PCREC Meeting & Training Schedule

1. Monday, January 12th – Monthly Meeting
2. Monday, February 9th – Monthly Meeting
3. Monday, March 9th – Monthly Meeting
4. Monday, April 13th – Monthly Meeting
5. Saturday, May 23rd – Poll Watcher Training
6. Thursday, May 28th – Membership Training
7. Monday, June 8th – Monthly Meeting
8. Saturday, June 27th – Poll Watcher Training
9. Saturday, July 25th – Poll Watcher Training
10. Thursday, July 30th – Membership Training
11. Monday, August 10th – Monthly Meeting
12. Saturday, September 5th – Poll Watcher Training
13. Monday September 14th – Monthly Meeting
14. Saturday, October 3rd – Poll Watcher Training
15. Monday, October 12th - Monthly Meeting
16. Monday, November 9th – Monthly Meeting
17. Monday, December 14th – Organizational Meeting (PCREC Board elections)

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam Ross".

Adam Ross
Chairman
Pinellas GOP



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.

Pinellas FRW website: pinellasfrw.com

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

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

VR # _____

CD/SLD/PCT _____

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DATES TO REMEMBER



PFRW Monthly Meeting

Thursday, September 3rd

9/11

Friday, September 11th

Pinellas GOP Poll Watcher Training

- ***Saturday, September 5th***
- ***Saturday, October 3rd***

Key Election Dates for 2026

The following are the key election dates for registration and voting for the 2026 election cycle:

General Election 2026

Deadline to send vote-by-mail ballots to UOCAVA voters: September 19, 2026

Deadline to send vote-by-mail ballots to domestic voters: September 24 2026 – October 1, 2026

Deadline to register to vote: October 5, 2026

Deadline to request that ballot be mailed: October 22, 2026

Early voting period (mandatory period): October 24 – 31, 2026

(Contact Supervisor of Elections for optional days of early voting)

Election Day: *November 3, 2026*

Members Circle



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