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(the keeper and driver of the elephant)

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Strong Women for a Strong America

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October 10th Dinner Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn, corner of College and Summerlin.



We are continuing with our focus on the US Senate seat and are pleased to announce that Col. Mike McCalister will be our speaker. Mike McCalister served honorably in the Army National Guard, Army Reserves, and on Active Duty for a total of 33 years between October 4, 1971 and September 30, 2005, when he retired. He was also a candidate for Governor in 2010.

Menu is Grilled Salmon Teriyaki **OR** Pork Loin with Jack Daniels glazed apples. Apple pie for dessert.

- \$20 inclusive
- 5:15 to 5:45PM Social Time
- 5:45PM Dinner and Program
- Reservation Deadline 10/06/11
- Call Mary Ann at 432-9389 or
- RMH738@aol.com
- Or email Cindy at cindylignelli222@gmail.com

Make checks to LRWF. Remember a reservation *made* is a reservation *paid*.



The
Presidents
Message

Dear LRWF Members:

In a 10 day period in the month of September we watched the CNN Tea Party Debate in Tampa as well as the FoxNews/Goggle Republican Party Debate in Orlando .

The candidates informed us how they think they can salvage the United States of America.

Although I have a favorite candidate, I can't say I agree with all he is proposing or all he has accomplished in his state.

I encourage all of you to visit FactCheck.org regularly; this is how you verify if what the candidate stated is actually true or false.

These debates help us decide who can stop the insanity from the current administration. In the end, whoever gets the Republican National Committee endorsement, we as republicans need to stand with him or her, united against the establishment.

With 47% of taxpayers not paying their fair share of the tax burden, and individuals receiving government stipends, these Americans make it to the polls to keep the present administration in power!

The democrats are organized with means of transportation to get people to the polls, fluent in social media propaganda, and will stop at nothing to perpetuate their socialist way of life.

We need to be steadfast in our goal of changing the course our country.

Our club needs to continue to expand. There is power in numbers. It will take money and time to win back the white house in 2012! Please continue to invite friends and neighbors to LRWF meetings and encourage everyone you know to get involved.

Love,

Michele

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee (Anita Diamond, Ali Miller and Judy O'Donnell) was selected at the September meeting. They are pleased to present their recommendations for the slate of officers for 2012.

- President: Michele Duryea
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- 2nd VP: Jeanie Kirkpatrick
- Treasurer: Clara Callahan
- Asst Treasurer: Cathy Ancefsky
- Recording Secretary: Jackie Krupp
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Bylaws Section 2. Elections

At the regular meeting in October, the Nominating committee, having notified the membership of the slate through the newsletter, shall present its report. Nominations from the floor shall be permitted provided consent to serve has been obtained from the nominee. Election of Officers shall be held at this time.

9/11 Remembrance



Martha secured two tables at the Broadway Palm for the very special remember 9-11 Tenth Year. Joining her here are artist Leoma Lovegrove and Commissioner Ray Judah. Program sponsors were Sam Galloway and Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre.

Our 16 attendees were very impressed with the program and the terrific brunch. Some of the happy crew...



The September Meeting

We had a Pinch Hitter as Sharon Day was unable to join us. Raymond Rodreguis, candidate for State House seat 75 filled in on just a few days notice and did a great job.



In addition to giving us his thoughts on what he sees as important for the Florida House, Raymond gave a most interesting talk comparing the 1856 Republican plank with current planks. We're wordier now!

And, we are always happy to see County Commissioner Tammy Hall, shown here with Michele.



We had a surprise visit from our favorite elephant.....You had to be there.....



Kathleen and Cindy have great plans for the October 8th Columbus Day Parade. This year we have a float and are featuring Women in History. Walkers are needed to help distribute candy and brochures.

FFRW Convention, P5, and CPAC



Jeanie, Cindy, Kathleen and Judy enjoy the FFRW Convention.



And, Cindy was elected to serve as the District Rep for District 7 South. She is seen here with her counterpart Barb Anson who leads District 7 North.

Then, Jeannie, Kathleen, Judy, Glynnis, Jackie, Kathy, Cathy and Rose were delegates to P5. It was an exhausting experience, but well worth the effort.



Google gave participants sunglasses and believe it or not, we wore them indoors because of all the camera and ceiling lights.

While visiting the Ice Bar (what happens in Orlando stays in Orlando) we ran into Rick Santorum.



And there were many modes of transportation to take care of tired achy feet.



One Woman's Opinion by *Judy*

While being at the Debate was a great experience, I was interested in hearing more than one minute answers from the contenders. So, we looked forward to hearing the candidates one more time before the Straw vote. Mitt Romney and Michele Bachmann decided not to take part in the event. Rick Perry gave a breakfast for the delegates and spoke there, so sent a surrogate for the afternoon session. The only actual candidates attending were: Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich, and Rick Santorum. Mr. Cain gave a masterful speech and moved the crowd. Mr. Santorum spoke from the heart and deserved moving up the ladder.



2012 LRWF Membership Drive Begins!

LRWF always begins its membership drive in October and this year is no exception. All members will receive a letter and a 2012 membership form via email from President Michele Duryea. For those that do not have an email address you will receive the info through the mail. Renewing your membership is easy. Just complete the membership form and return the form and your check to:

LRWF
PO Box 61964
Fort Myers, FL 33906

For your convenience, completed membership forms and checks will also be accepted at our monthly meetings. Please get your renewals in as quickly as possible. LRWF needs to supply our state and national organization with our membership list and dues money by mid January.

If you have joined LRWF in the past 3 months, please see Cindy or Jeanie about your 2012 membership renewal.

As you probably know, our October meeting is our "Membership Meeting" so please bring along a friend or neighbor who might like to join our club. We need your help in recruiting new members and this upcoming election year should be an easy year to ask your friends to get involved. We must defeat Obama and his liberal agenda.

I also want to update you on our current membership numbers. We have a total of 108 members (86 full members and 22 associate members). At our September meeting we had 2 new members join. They are:

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Welcome ladies!

Last but not least I would like to announce that LRWF is having a New Member Mixer on Friday October 14th at 3pm. We will be meeting at Crown Colony in S. Fort Myers. This is a great opportunity for all new members to get to know the LRWF elected officers and committee chairs and also to understand what their membership in our club is all about.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our October dinner meeting and remember to bring along a friend,

Jeanie and Cindy

Co Chairs Membership Committee



News from the Website

Wizard

The Florida Federation of Republican Women (FFRW) has initiated a new campaign that I think will be of interest to all LRWF members. It's called the "Florida Women's D.C. Project". I urge all our members to go to www.womensdcproject.com and check it out. Each week the Florida Women's DC Project will report on the trends sure to sweep Obama out of the White House in 2012.

Stay informed. Have hope and work hard for your candidate. 2012 is almost here and it does not look good for Obama!



Book

Chat

The next chat will be on Wednesday, October 26 from 2 to 4 at Judy's home in the Forest. We are reading *Why Are Jews Liberal* by Norm Podhoretz. Selected members will also report on the chapter they were assigned in the Heritage plan, *Saving the American Dream* which will be a 2012 workshop for LRWF. Please let Judy know if you will be attending.

Fashions are from Razzle Dazzle from Cape Coral. There will be a fantastic Chinese Auction with items valued at \$100 or more. **Check in at 11:00 am** and peruse the gifts to bid on, take a look at the money hat which could make you a rich women if your ticket is drawn.

And because we want everyone's closet to look their best, plan to bring a **Gently Used Business attire** item which will be donated to **Dress for Success**. Pocketbooks and shoes will also be accepted. This is a very worthy cause, so take some time to look through your closet and free up some space for your new Razzle Dazzle outfits.




Our Closet

(minus any

skeletons)

It's now time to get serious about putting a few tables together for our fundraiser, the fabulous LRWF Fashion show. The date is Wednesday, November 30, at the Forest Country Club. Fundraising Chair Glynnis is busy planning an exciting time for our members and guests.

Tickets are now available and tables hold either eight or ten people. The ticket price is the same as the past few years, \$35.00, and this gives you a great lunch and a fun day looking at fashions for the holidays and beyond.  Don't be an empty hanger! Gather a group and plan to attend.



LRWF to

Participate in Columbus Day Parade

Once again LRWF will be participating in the Columbus Day parade in Cape Coral. Last year's experience was a lot of fun, so please plan to join us on **Saturday Oct. 8th**.

It is a short parade and is easily walk able. We will begin set up at 1:30pm and our meeting place will be the Italian American Club located at 4725 Vincennes Blvd. The parade will begin around 3pm and should be over by 4pm.

Please let the parade Co Chairs know if you will be participating this year by emailing cindylignelli222@gmail.com or kupu1212@aol.com.