

# Republican Party Pinellas County

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~ MONDAY ~  
**FEBRUARY 13, 2012**  
**Pinellas County**  
**Republican Executive**  
**Committee Meeting**

**6:00 Orientation**  
**6:00 Poll Watcher Training**  
**7:00 PM Meeting Begins**

**Karen Harrington**

Candidate for U.S. Representative District 20

**St. Petersburg Marriott Clearwater**  
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 St. Petersburg, FL 33716

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## From the Desk of Chairman Jay J. Beyrouti



Dear fellow Republicans and honored friends:

I want to share some great news about voter registration numbers: the hard work of our volunteers in Pinellas County is leading to GOP gains in voter registration and closing the gap between the number of registered Republicans and Democrats. The gap has now narrowed from before the effort began 20,000 to 5,400 voters today.

The Republican Party of Florida (RPOF) Annual Meeting took place in Orlando on January 13th and 14th. Chairman Lenny Curry from Jacksonville did a great job. The committee members were enthusiastic, energized, and ready to go. We elected a new Vice-Chairman, Blaise Ingoglia, a new National Committeeman, Peter Feaman, and re-elected National Committeewoman Sharon Day. Congratulations and thank you for your willingness to serve our great Party.

The highlight of the annual meeting was my meeting with Governor Scott: I was joined by Tony DiMatteo State committee man and Rachele Warrmouth, PCREC Executive Assistance. The Governor is fully committed to rebuilding the economy, creating jobs, and balancing the budget in 2012, along with joining with the Republican grassroots effort to defeat Obama and

reclaim America.

I am excited to announce that Pinellas County's premier GOP social and fund raising event, the Lincoln Day Dinner, will take place at the Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon Park on March 31st. You can't afford to miss it, U.S. Senator Marco Rubio will be our keynote speaker, and I am hoping that we will be joined by our Presidential candidates, Congressmen C.W. "Bill" Young and Gus Bilirakis, the Pinellas County Republican Legislative Delegation, Constitutional Officers, County Commissioners, and lots of other Republican friends. We also will take this opportunity to honor State Senator Dennis Jones, the longest serving legislator in Florida.

January's PCREC meeting started the year on a high note. Over 300 members and guests attended to listen to a great speech by Congressman Bill Young. I was very encouraged by the energy and true desire to reclaim the White House exhibited by those in the room: our momentum is unstoppable. I look forward to seeing you all again on February 13th, when I will be giving a presentation about voter registration that you don't want to miss.

I also am excited to announce that Nick Deciglie was appointed as Ivory Club Chairman in 2012 and Chris Kerr as PCREC General Counsel.

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*Both are very well qualified and have served and supported the Party for many years. Congratulations and good luck!*

*The GOP Convention will take place in Tampa, August 27-30, 2012. Due to the early primary in Florida on January 31, our delegation has been cut in half, and Florida will have only 50 delegates. The process of delegates is clearly defined by the RPOF Rules and Procedures. The district-10 caucus meeting will take place on March 10th at noon at Pinellas County Republican Headquarters. Two delegates and two alternates will be selected for each congressional district caucus.*

*If you are interested in volunteering for the GOP Convention, please go to: [www.2012Tampa.com](http://www.2012Tampa.com) to sign up. Volunteers will be the faces of Tampa Bay and will welcome guests at local airports and hotels throughout the area, and will support host committee programs and a variety of events.*

*Finally, by the time you receive this newsletter, the Florida Presidential Primary will be over, and will have a better idea who our front runner nominee will be. Please remember that the Primary is the political process to choose the best GOP candidate to defeat Barack Obama. We must not allow anger, competitiveness or personal disappointment to derail the mission ahead of us: RECLAIM THE WHITE HOUSE IN 2012 AND PRESERVE THE AMERICAN DREAM.*

*God Bless America and all Americans who are working to put our country back on the right track.*

*Jay Beyrouiti, Chairman*  
Pinellas County Republican Executive Committee

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## Senator Mike Haridopolos, District 26 — Press Release

February 4, 2012

CONTACT: Lyndsey Cruley, (850) 487-5632

Florida Senate Approaches Midpoint of the 2012 Legislative Session

Tallahassee — Senate President Mike Haridopolos (R-Merritt Island) released the following statement today regarding approaching the midpoint of the 2012 Legislative Session:

“As we approach the midpoint of the 2012 Legislative Session, I want to pause and reflect on the accomplishments that we have already made and look ahead to the remaining five weeks of the session.

“First, I want to applaud the work our chamber has done on what is one of the most daunting tasks this legislature faces - redistricting. Under the leadership of Senator Don Gaetz, we passed our redistricting plans out with bipartisan support in the second week of the session. I was proud to see our chamber come together and move quickly but deliberatively on this vital issue.

“We have also found consensus on other key issues. One that I am happy to see moving forward is Senator Negron’s PIP bill. This week, it passed its first committee of reference with unanimous

support. This is the first step toward tackling a complex issue and I look forward to seeing it progress through the committee process.

“On the topic of our other constitutional duty - balancing the state’s budget, we have moved cautiously and methodically as my fellow Senators encouraged me to use my discretion in crafting our budget in a letter following my remarks on the opening day of session.

“Next week, we will begin to see our budget subcommittees working on budget allocations. Because of the early session, we have gained an extra week that we would normally take off to observe the Easter holiday, and we will use that time to prepare our budget. In the coming weeks, I look forward to seeing our budget take shape and working closely with our colleagues in the House to work out any differences the two chambers may have.

“It has been a productive four weeks and as we approach the midpoint I want to congratulate and thank my fellow Senators for their hard work and dedication so far this session.”

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## Statement From RPOF Chairman Lenny Curry Regarding Florida’s Winner Take All Rule

RPOF News Release

Thursday, February 2, 2012

With news stories focusing on Florida’s winner-take-all status, RPOF Chairman Lenny Curry has released the following statement:

“On September 23, 2011, RPOF’s Executive Board – 38 people including members from around the state, members who serve on the RNC, and members who are affiliated with different campaigns – unanimously passed RPOF Rule 10. Rule 10 determined Florida would be winner take all if the primary date was moved by statute and Florida was penalized by RNC for the move. All campaigns and the RNC have known since then that Florida was

winner take all. RNC’s legal counsel has, on numerous occasions, noted their understanding and acceptance of Florida’s rule.

“Florida was winner take all before Election Day, we were winner take all on Election Day, we will remain winner take all. As Bill McCollum confirmed to Fox News today, had the outcome been different on Tuesday he would not be seeking publicity for a challenge to the rules adopted by Florida’s Republicans. It is a shame when the loser of a contest agrees to the rules before, then cries foul after losing.”

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 *Belleair Women's Republican Club	4
5	6 * Hispanic Republican Club of Pinellas	7	8 * St. Petersburg Republican Club	9 * Central Pinellas Republican Club	10	11
12	13 * PCREC MEETING 	14	15 * Young Republicans of Pinellas County	16 * North Pinellas Republican Club	17	18
19	20 * Republican Club of Greater Largo	21 * The Ronald Reagan Republican Club of Pinellas County	22	23 * Tarpon Springs Republican Club	24	25
26	27	28	29			

**HISPANIC REPUBLICAN CLUB OF PINELLAS**

*(1st Monday of the Month)*

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

**7:00 PM**

**Guest Speaker:** TBA  
**Location:** IRB Sushi-Crabby Bill's, corner of Walshingham/ Gulf Boulevard, Indian Rocks, FL 33785  
**Contact:** President Chely Hernandez-Miller (727) 434-4008 HRC@PinellasRepublicans.com

[www.HispanicRepublicanClub.com](http://www.HispanicRepublicanClub.com)

**BELLEAIR WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB**

*(1st Friday of the Month)*

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

**11:30 AM**

**Guest Speaker:** TBA  
**Location:** Belleair Country Club, 1 Country Club Lane, Belleair, FL 33756  
**Contact:** President Sandy Hutton (727) 776-0100 BWR@PinellasRepublicans.com

[www.BelleairWomensRepublicanClub.com](http://www.BelleairWomensRepublicanClub.com)

**SUNCOAST WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB**

*(1st Wednesday of the Month)*

**NO MEETING THIS MONTH**

**Guest Speaker:** TBA  
**Location:** The Hangar Restaurant at Albert Whitted Airport in St. Petersburg  
**Contact:** Eileen Blackmeer (727) 525-2340

**PINELLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

*(2nd Monday of the Month)*

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

**7:00 PM**

**Guest Speaker:** Karen Harrington, Candidate for U.S. Representative District 20  
**Location:** St. Petersburg Marriott Clearwater, 12600 Roosevelt Boulevard, St. Petersburg, FL 33716  
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**PINELLAS COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS**

*(2nd Tuesday of the Month)*

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

**7:00 PM**

**Guest Speaker:** Kathleen Peters, Mayor of South Pasadena & V.P. Public Affairs of Clearwater Chamber  
**Location:** Mythos 13575 58 th St. N. Clearwater, FL 33760  
**Contact:** president@pinellasys.com

**ST. PETERSBURG REPUBLICAN CLUB**

*(2nd Wednesday of the Month)*

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

**7:00 PM**

**Guest Speaker:** Len Ciecieznski, Public Information Specialist With Pinellas County Commutations Department  
**Location:** Piccadilly Cafeteria, 1900 34th Street, St. Petersburg, FL 33713  
**Contact:** President Gail Hebert (727) 526-2492 SPRC@PinellasRepublicans.com

**CENTRAL PINELLAS REPUBLICAN CLUB**

*(2nd Thursday of the Month)*

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

**NOON**

**Guest Speaker:** A Special Program on Crime Prevention  
**Location:** Palace of the Orient, 10425 park blvd., across from Home Depot. In Seminole  
**Contact:** President Barbara Stephens (727) 397-3449 CPRC@PinellasRepublicans.com

(11:30 AM if you plan on dining)

**REPUBLICAN CLUB OF GREATER LARGO**

*(3rd Monday of the Month)*

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

**6:00 PM**

**Guest Speaker:** Sheriff Bob Gualtieri and Oleg Atbashian, Author of Shakedown Socialism  
**Location:** Alfano's Restaurant, 1702 Clearwater Largo Road, Clearwater, FL 33756  
**Contact:** President Casey Cox (727) 480-9155 RCGL@PinellasRepublicans.com

<http://largorepublicans.com/>

**THE RONALD REAGAN REPUBLICAN CLUB OF PINELLAS COUNTY**

*(3rd Tuesday of the Month)*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

**7:00 PM**

**Guest Speaker:** Congressman C. W. "Bill" Young  
**Location:** Kally-K's Restaurant, 1600 Main Street, Dunedin  
**Contact:** President Erwin Beck (727) 796-5775 RCOTTW@PinellasRepublicans.com

**NORTH PINELLAS REPUBLICAN CLUB**

*(3rd Thursday of the Month)*

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

**6:30 PM**

**Guest Speaker:** Robin Wikle, Pinellas County School Board  
**Location:** Palm Harbor Library, 2330 Nebraska Avenue, Palm Harbor, FL 34683  
**Contact:** Pam McAloon (727) 784-4627 NPRC@PinellasRepublicans.com

**TARPON SPRINGS REPUBLICAN CLUB**

*(4th Thursday of the Month)*

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

**7:00 PM**

**Guest Speaker:** Oleg Atbashian, Author of Shakedown Socialism  
**Location:** St. Petersburg College, Tarpon Springs Campus, Fine Arts Building (FA) room 132, 600 Klosterman Road, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689  
**Contact:** President Adelle Blackman (727) 938-5766 TSRC@PinellasRepublicans.com

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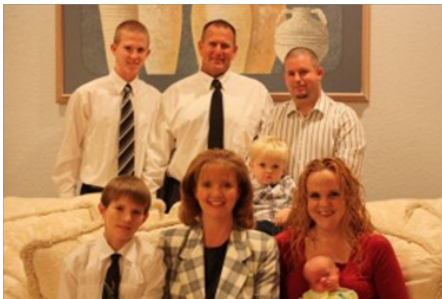
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Getting Acquainted With ....

Karen Harrington, PCREC Guest Speaker this month

Karen Harrington's roots in the South Florida community date back to 1969 when her parents Bill and Barbara Mitchell moved their family from Western Massachusetts to Broward County in pursuit of the American Dream- to open a family-owned restaurant business so that they could better provide for Karen and her siblings. Karen and her family have owned and operated Rickey's Restaurant and Lounge since 1974, and Karen has managed the business herself for almost 30 years. Since the restaurant's founding, Karen and her sister have expanded the business into three locations.



Presently residing in Davie, Karen has been an active member of her community and its civic life. Through her small business, Karen has given back to the people that have been so generous to her over the years by sponsoring hundreds of youth and adult programs during the past four decades. She has also sponsored the Police Athletic League in Pembroke Pines, raising thousands of dollars for a youth sports basketball court that is now utilized by after school programs so that local children can play in a safe environment. Karen's passion for athletics motivated her to become a coach for youth sports teams, as she has coached boys' soccer and baseball for the past 13 years. Karen is strong advocate for both Cancer and Autism Awareness, and she actively promotes both of these worthy causes at every opportunity.

Karen and her husband Glenn have three children, sons Ryan and Kyle and daughter Ashley, who is also married and has two children of her own.

Nick DiCeglie,  
Ivory Club Chairman



Nick DiCeglie was born on November 12, 1973 and grew up in North Woodmere NY. He has resided in Florida since 1996. He is married to Erica DiCeglie, an accomplished artist and composer. Together, they have two children ages seven and three.

Nick has owned Solar Sanitation Inc. since 1996 and is proud to have grown up in the waste management industry, learning all aspects of the family business from

both his mother and father. He continues to hone those skills by studying various aspects of business, especially management and leadership styles.

Besides being a successful business owner and a committed family man, Nick is actively involved in the Pinellas County community. His interests and activities range from local politics to serving as the Chair Elect for the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce to philanthropic endeavors which include the Suncoast Hospice Resource Development Council as well as St. Jerome Catholic Church in Largo, FL.

In 2011, Solar Sanitation was recognized by the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce as the Medium Business of the Year.

Christophir A. Kerr,  
PCREC General Counsel



Chris Kerr has a federal criminal law practice in the Tampa Bay area. Prior to practicing law, Chris had a successful 33-year career in the FBI including 26 years as a special agent. He served in Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C. (both in the field and as a supervisor at FBI Headquarters), finishing his career spending the last 10 years in Pinellas County, Florida investigating

organized crime and drug cases. For his work he received many awards and commendations from both the FBI and U.S. Attorney's offices in Washington, D.C. and Tampa. Kerr served three terms as an elected member of the executive board of the FBI Agents Association, the agents' national professional association, serving as an advocate for FBI agents nation-wide on professional issues requiring the attention of senior FBI and Department of Justice officials, as well as members of the U.S. House and Senate.

Chris is a life-long Republican and has been an active member of the PCREC's Legal Committee under the former General Counsel, Brian Battaglia, coordinating Pinellas County poll watching activities. He is a member of the Florida Bar, the federal Middle District of Florida Bar, the Eleventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Bar, and the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI.

Chris lives with his wife, Lisa (currently serving as an FBI agent), in Indian Rocks Beach and has two children.

## Lincoln Day Dinner

**Guest Speaker: Senator Marco Rubio**

Saturday, March 31, 2012  
Hilton St. Petersburg  
950 Lake Carillon Drive. • St. Petersburg, FL 33716

5:00 PM Chairman's Reception  
6:00 to 7:15 PM Ivory Club Reception  
6:00 to 7:15 PM General Reception  
5:30 to 8:15 PM Silent Auction  
7:30 PM Dinner & Live Auction

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## An Economic Lesson On Life

Submitted by Michael Guju

An economics professor at a local college made a statement that he had never failed a single student before, but had recently failed an entire class. That class had insisted that Obama's socialism worked and that no one would be poor and no one would be rich, a great equalizer.

The professor then said, "OK, we will have an experiment in this class on Obama's plan". All grades will be averaged and everyone will receive the same grade so no one will fail and no one will receive an A....

(substituting grades for dollars - something closer to home and more readily understood by all).

After the first test, the grades were averaged and everyone got a B. The students who studied hard were upset and the students who studied little were happy. As the second test rolled around, the students who studied little had studied even less and the ones who studied hard decided they wanted a free ride too so they studied little..

The second test average was a D! No one was happy. When the 3rd test rolled around, the average was an F. As the tests proceeded, the scores never increased as bickering, blame and name-calling all resulted in hard feelings and no one would study for the benefit

of anyone else. To their great surprise, ALL FAILED and the professor told them that socialism would also ultimately fail because when the reward is great, the effort to succeed is great, but when government takes all the reward away, no one will try or want to succeed. It could not be any simpler than that.

Remember, there IS a test coming up. The 2012 elections.

These are possibly the 5 best sentences you'll ever read and all applicable to this experiment:

1. You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.
2. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.
3. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.
4. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it!
5. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation.

***"But there are advantages to being elected President. The day after I was elected, I had my high school grades classified Top Secret."***

*-President Ronald Reagan First Inaugural Address, January 20, 1981*





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