



The Tusk

The Official Newsletter of the...

BREVARD REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



(The pachyderm uses his ivory tusk to dig and bore for work and food. We use our Tusk to dig and bore to help Keep Brevard County red.)

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[BREC PASSES SIX BYLAWS](#)

Committee members attending the June 10 BREC meeting, by hand vote passed six bylaws that will govern the rules of the committee.

The bylaws cover 1) formation of the bylaws committee, 2) BREC meetings, 3) districts and district chairs, 4) the executive board, 5) membership, and 6) quorums, elections and rules of procedure. The complete wording of the bylaws is available on the BREC website.

The bylaws will take the place of the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF) County Model Constitution, as long as they are not in conflict with Florida statutes, the RPOF Constitution, the RPOF Rules of Procedures or the Model County Constitution.

General Counsel Michael Kahn and his committee worked long hours on the bylaws draft which was presented at the BREC meeting for adoption.



Prior to the bylaws vote, **State Senator Thad Altman** presented an overview of the just-concluded state legislative session in Tallahassee, which he said was a “good year for Brevard County.”

Altman, who is seeking re-election, said the legislature approved a balanced budget that was smaller than the previous year’s, without raising taxes or fees. He also said \$30 million was approved for improving Space Coast infrastructure for commercial use. “We have the work force to be competitive,” he added, stressing that commercial projects will aid the

county, since the Obama administration has decided to phase out NASA’s programs.

Despite controversy over Senate Bill 6 – the education bill vetoed by Governor Charlie Crist – Altman said he strongly supported the measure because it would have provided differential pay for teachers in problem schools, and bonus pay based on teaching effectiveness. These programs were opposed by teacher unions, Altman added, and he hoped that a revamped version of the bill would pass in the next legislature.

There was sharp criticism from the audience over the Sun Rail legislation that passed with the support of the entire Brevard County delegation, while Altman said the measure was “a good thing” because it will provide cost-effective, alternative transportation between Orlando and Tampa. Committee members argued that it would cost much more than believed and would not be so heavily used.

Other highlights of the June 10 BREC meeting were:

-- **Vice Chairman Bob White** introduced three resolutions related to creating a permanent standing committee on BREC membership, and all of them passed by hand vote. White also reported on upcoming campaign training for district and precinct chairmen. The first sessions will be on how to organize, and there will be additional training after the primary election.

-- **State Committeewoman Carlie Rogers** announced there will be a voter registration booth set up at the next Gun and Knife show in Melbourne, July 10-11. She noted this will be just prior to the July 26 closing date

for voter registration before the August 24 primary election.

-- It was announced that BREC Headquarters on Aurora Road is now open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 AM to 2 PM. You are encouraged to volunteer to help staff the office.

-- **Judy Rybikowsky** invited BREC members to participate in Melbourne's Fourth of July Parade, which actually will be held on July 3 beginning at 11 am. For details, call her at 321-727-1212.



**THE BREVARD
REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE INVITES
YOU**

To a Day of Golf August 14, 2010

Download flyer [HERE](#)

A Downloadable Application can be found [HERE](#)

-- **Bill Dennehy and Bob Franck** are organizing a BREC fundraiser – a golf outing and lunch at the Duran Golf Club in Viera on August 14. There will be prizes for the winners and the format will be a four-person scramble, with each quartet playing from the same spot as the ball closest to the hole. The cost will be \$70 per person to play, \$90 for lunch included, and \$25 for lunch only. The charge for businesses or candidates to sponsor a hole is \$200.

-- **Parliamentarian Ron Morgan** displayed a replica of the American flag that flew over Baltimore's Ft. McHenry during the War of 1812. It has 15 stars and 15 stripes. Morgan spoke about all of the official, historical U.S. flags, in recognition of June 14 Flag Day and July 4 Independence Day.

-- Candidates for political office who attended the meeting were given time to introduce themselves and explain why they are running for office. They included: **Bart Carmichael, running for the State Senate District 24 seat; Clyde Thodey and Matt Nye, the Brevard County Commission District 2 and District 4 seats, respectively; Clarissa Harrell, Clerk of the Circuit Court; Tom Goodson and Roger Shealy, State Legislature District 29; State Representative**

Ritch Workman, Legislature District 30; and Ken Ward, Canaveral Port Commission, District 1.

BREC Chairman Barbara Davis and Vice Chairman Bob White swore in 12 new committee members.

Following the meeting, District 5 caucused to elect new officers. They are **Linda del Gallego**, District Chairman; **Bonnie DeCaro**, Vice Chairman; and **Lauretta Myers**, Secretary.

CANDIDATES, BARBEQUE BRING PARTY LOYALISTS TO PICNIC

Hundreds of Republicans of all ages came to the Wickham Park Pavilion in Melbourne June 5 to meet and hear from numerous candidates for public office, enjoy a complimentary barbeque lunch and participate in straw poll balloting.

While the straw poll – conducted on Supervisor of Elections voting machines – was non-binding, the results still gave the general public and the candidates themselves an indication of which way “the wind is blowing” in Brevard County.

Among the “winners” were U.S. Senate candidate **Marco Rubio**, gubernatorial candidate **Bill McCollum**, and attorney general candidate **Jeff Kottkamp**. Candidates seeking reelection who garnered more votes than their challengers included **State Senator Thad Altman, State Representative Ritch Workman, and County Commissioners Mary Bolin and Chuck Nelson.**



McCollum and Kottkamp were among many hopefuls for a new office who addressed the crowd briefly to explain their views on issues, and then mingle with the crowd. Also on hand were Gubernatorial Candidate **Rick Scott**; Attorney General candidate **Pam Bondi**; Congressman **Bill Posey**; state Senate Candidate **Bart Carmichael**; State House candidates **Lori Halbert and Sandy Adams**; county commission candidates **Clyde Thodey and Matt Nye**; and Clerk of Courts Candidate **Joanne Corby.**



The annual Republican Family Picnic was organized by [Florida Republican Women's Network of Brevard](#) President Helen Voltz, Margie Kinder and Missy

Wilson, and was sponsored by the **Brevard County Council of Clubs**, which set up tables for attendees to visit. The candidates, as well, had tables where volunteers handed out literature and campaign stickers.

The results of the straw poll can be found at [the end of this edition](#), as reported by the Brevard County Supervisor of Elections Office.



FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

By [Barbara Davis](#)

My sincere thanks to our elected officials, candidates and clubs for their support of our Republican Family Picnic held on June 5. We had a wonderful turnout. I appreciate the leadership of **Helen Voltz and her hardworking team, including Missy Wilson and Margie Kinder**, in organizing this event.

It was announced that BREC Headquarters on Aurora Road is now open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 AM to 2 PM. You are encouraged to volunteer to help staff the office. Please call 254-0073 to volunteer.

Our longtime BREC members, **Ruthie and Frank Montelione**, have resigned. Ruthie served as BREC Secretary for many years and Frank was a former BREC Vice Chairman. Their resignations have been accepted, and we wish them well.

I have appointed an Interim Secretary, **Judy Timothy**, until an election for Secretary is scheduled. We will be working together to make sure all reports are timely filed and the business of BREC is conducted without interruption.

Congratulations to newly-elected District 5 **Chair, Linda del Gallego**, and **Vice Chair, Bonnie DeCaro**. Thank you to **Lauretta Myers**, who is continuing to serve as District 5 Secretary.

We are appreciative that **Joyce Hebert** has volunteered to continue as BREC Sunshine Chair. Please contact her through Headquarters at 254-0073.

Plan now to participate in the Golf Tournament and buffet lunch on Saturday, August 14, at the Duran Golf Club. Co-Chairmen **Bill Dennehy** and **Bob Franck** have made all of the arrangements, and you can download a registration form at our website:

www.brevardrepublicans.org. Hole sponsorships are still available, and if you don't play golf, please join us for lunch!

The District Chairs have completed their WebElect training, and District meetings for Precinct Training are scheduled later this month. Please plan to attend.

The 2010 Precinct Consolidations and Relocations proposed by the **Supervisor of Elections, Lori Scott**, have been approved by the County. The Supervisor of Elections' office is mailing postcards alerting affected voters of the changes, and these voters will also receive new Voter Registration cards.

The Melbourne Area Federated Republican Women have invited BREC members and their families to participate in the 4th of July Parade in Downtown Melbourne to Honor America. This year the parade will be held on Saturday, July 3rd. Please call 321-727-1212 for detailed information.

I encourage your participation in all of the BREC activities so that we are all working together to achieve our goals.



BREVARD TEA PARTY SET FOR JULY 3

The Brevard Tea Party, which celebrates the founding of our country and protests big government and out of control spending, will hold its Independence Day Celebration at Space Coast Stadium in Viera on Saturday, July 3.

Attendees will be able to hobnob from 1:30 to 3:30 pm with political candidates who espouse Tea Party principles. They also can visit tables set up for clubs, exhibitors and vendors. The formal program, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, will be emceed by WMMB AM's Bill Mick, and will include nearly a dozen guest speakers and entertainment.

"This country was founded on the principles of individual rights, limited government and free enterprise," says Tea Party organizer Matt Nye, a candidate for the Brevard County Commission District 4 seat. "Arrogant, short sighted politicians at every level of government have forgotten that, and so now we must remind them what made this country great, and of the oaths they took when sworn into office."

Nye adds that, "The Tea Party movement serves as the catalyst to get ordinary working people involved. We want them to come out, get engaged, and learn how they can make a difference in the process."

Adult admission to the Independence Day Celebration is \$3; there is no cost for children 12 and under. Tickets can be ordered at

<http://www.brevardteaparty2010.eventbrite.com> or purchased at the stadium box office. The stadium concession stands will be open to serve food and beverages.



ALTMAN, CARMICHAEL ADDRESS NEW MILLENIUM CLUB

District 24 State Senate candidates Thad Altman, the incumbent, and challenger Bart Carmichael addressed the New Millenium Conservative Club meeting June 7, and each stressed his conservative credentials.

Those conservative principles, both said, are less government, lower taxes, individual freedom, a strong national defense, and control of the borders.

Altman said he was seeking reelection to continue fighting for legislation to bring new high tech jobs to Central Florida, help military families, reduce the size of government, and provide more health and property insurance options.

"Aerospace jobs and the military contribute to our economic vitality," Altman said, noting that President Obama has reversed numerous promises he made to the Space Coast, so the Florida Legislature has had to step up to get additional funds to bring more commercial space jobs to the state.



Criticizing the liberals' support for "welfare state" projects, Altman said the government should not do for citizens what they can do for themselves.

He is a long-time resident of Brevard County, who prior to joining the State Senate served in the Florida House of Representatives and on the Brevard Board of Commissioners.

Carmichael, a businessman who recently moved to the Space Coast from South Florida, said he entered the

race because he can "no longer stand by and watch an out-of-control government squander our children's future. It is time for ordinary citizens to take a stand."

He accused career politicians of becoming what he called "born-again conservatives at election time."

If elected, Carmichael said, he would look at each piece of legislation proposed in the State Senate, and vote against it if it increases government. Some of the things Florida does not need, he added, are increases in taxes and fees, red light cameras that increase revenue, and the expensive and controversial South Florida Sun Rail project.

Carmichael said he favored repeal of "bad legislation," such as for the stimulus funds, which he said offered only short-term fixes for long-term goals.

Asked about Arizona's tough, new immigration law, both candidates said they applaud and support it, pointing out that illegal immigration, because of welfare, health and education costs, is a burden on our taxpayers.

On the subject of property insurance, Carmichael said incentives for insurance companies were needed to get them to remain in the state. Altman called the government-created Citizens Property Insurance Corp. "a necessary evil" to help those who cannot get insurance otherwise, but added, "We fell into the liberal trap of government competing with the private sector."

Concerning Florida's growing unemployment rate, both said there was a need to bring in new companies to the area, and to grow jobs in information, research and technology-based fields.

The subject of rail service was where the two differed the most. Altman, who like every member of the Brevard legislative delegation voted in favor of accepting federal funds for the Sun Rail and other train projects, said it is an important component to our economic future and we have to have more than one transportation system. Having rail service between Orlando and Tampa, he added, is equivalent to having one extra lane on I-4 for a fraction of what that construction would cost. "I believe in it and support it," Altman said. "It will help the people and Florida."

Carmichael countered that the train could carry 3,000 people a day – far less than would be able to use an additional lane on the Interstate, and this makes "no

sense.” He added that “trains never made money in the United States” and this system “will never pay for itself.”

For further information on the candidates, visit their websites at: www.thadaltman.com and www.bart4senate24.com.



KOTTKAMP STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF BATTLE FOR FUTURE

Lt. Governor Jeff Kottkamp says the battle for the future of our country is so important because “Washington has forgotten everything about our heritage and everything that is spelled out in our founding documents.”

Kottkamp, a Republican candidate for attorney general, told the Ronald Reagan Clubs meeting May 27 that just as Reagan’s “A Time for Choosing” speech in 1964 set the stage for the re-emergence of conservatism in America, today’s critically important time is “our time for choosing.” We must fight for the continuation of democracy, he said.

Florida’s next attorney general, he said, will inherit a challenge to Obamacare, the aftermath of the Gulf of Mexico oil leak, the battle against the expensive EPA water quality standards that would only affect our state, a suit against the federal government to pay the costs for incarcerating illegal alien prisoners, and the fight to drive “pill mill” pain clinics out of Florida.

Noting that he supports Arizona’s illegal immigration push, Kottkamp said it is a “drug war,” and federal authorities are not doing their job.

Kottkamp, who serves as board chairman of the public-private partnership Space Florida, pointed out that the state has to strengthen its position as the global leader in aerospace research, investment, exploration and commerce. “Placing man on the moon is the greatest accomplishment in our lifetime, and it was done from here,” he said.

“We have to be leaders in space,” he noted, explaining that to be strong, a nation first needed a strong army, then a strong navy, then a strong air force, and now the next step is in space. That is where our military superiority has to be based, Kottkamp said, adding that

our space program needs to be innovative and cannot be ceded to the Russians or Chinese.

As a State Legislator prior to his current position, Kottkamp – an early supporter of Regan’s presidential campaigns in the 1980s – was a conservative leader who fought for lower taxes, quality education for all children and tougher penalties for criminals.

If elected attorney general, he said, he would continue to stress the core principles to preserve our Constitution, especially the 2nd Amendment protecting the right to keep and bear arms. He reiterated that he supports the sanctity of life, private property rights and freedom of speech.

Asked if he would protect Florida against federal government regulations and legislation, he said, “I look forward to it. The federal government needs to be put in its place.”

Kottkamp, who was selected to serve as lieutenant governor by Charlie Crist, was also asked if for the rest of the current term he could still work with the now-independent governor. “If you know who you are and what you believe in, it’s not difficult at all,” he said.



MONTELIONE SAYS EDUCATION IS KEY TO WINNING ELECTIONS

Stressing that education is key to winning elections; Republican Men’s Club Secretary Frank Montelione told the club May 20 that Republicans should use the same community organizing practices followed by Democrats.

He noted that the tea parties are doing this, and are challenging everything.

Political organizing, he said, is a long-term approach that results in changing the balance of power. We must organize “to elect, inform, educate and increase voter registration,” Montelione added.

Not only do we recruit tomorrow’s leaders this way, he said, but we also can become the center of the communications hub for election information.

Montelione said with the primary coming up in August, “we should just get started.” He said it is important to identify “super Republicans” – those who voted in the past several primary elections – to encourage them to

come to the polls. Face-to-face contact is important, he said, and precinct workers should be positive and encouraging in their encounters. He also encouraged us to invite friends and neighbors to “meet and greet” sessions with candidates.

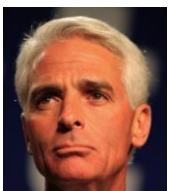
For the November general election, when we have just one candidate in each race, the focus should shift to voters registered no party affiliations, Montelione added. This is the time to ask for their support because elections are won or lost by non-committed voters, he stressed.

Nader Jomaa, the club’s newly elected director for communications, said another Democratic practice we can utilize is reaching voters by such social media programs as Facebook and Twitter. Precinct workers can build up their networks with just a few keystrokes this way, he said.

POLITICAL JOTTINGS AND DOTTINGS



-- Three Melbourne legislators – State Senator Thad Altman, and Representatives Ritch Workman and John Tobia – say they want similar legislation in Florida to mirror Arizona’s new anti-immigration law. The trio spoke at two town hall meetings where they reviewed the last legislative session. On the topic of off-shore oil drilling in the wake of the Gulf of Mexico spill, they said they favored increased safety measures and did not want a knee-jerk reaction that would ban future drilling. Later, State Senator Mike Haridopolos told Florida TODAY that he also supported a tough immigration law in Florida similar to Arizona’s.



www.blogs.tampabay.com/buzz, says Governor Charlie Crist’s veto of Republican-supported anti-abortion legislation “appears to separate his personal beliefs (which he previously stated are ‘pro-life’) from his action.”

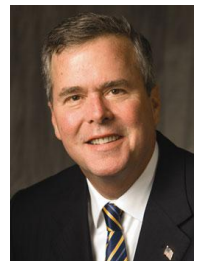
The governor said personal views should not result in what he called “unwise laws.” The legislation would have required most women to pay for an ultrasound and

hear a description of the fetus before they can have an abortion. Critics of Crist’s veto said his action was profoundly disappointing, and shows he is really pro-abortion. Senate candidate Marco Rubio said the veto was coldly calculated politics, and “will now make it harder for Florida to fight Obamacare, since the bill would have enabled our state to opt out of the abortion coverage mandate in the federal healthcare law.”



- The Republican Party has created <http://www.americaspeakingout.com/>, a new online forum where citizens can lend their voices to building a new governing policy agenda. It will be an official effort to increase the dialogue between Americans and Congress. Representative Bill Posey says this site will “unlock the doors to Washington’s back rooms, but you will have to choose to walk into the room.” This can be a way to help stop the passage of thousand-page bills that no one has time to read, Posey adds.

-- Former Florida Governor Jeb Bush says his advice to Republicans for the mid-term election is to “pursue a bold, policy-oriented campaign.” In an interview with The Weekly Standard executive editor Fred Barnes, Bush said the one thing that all factions of the conservative movement passionately agree on is that “entrepreneurial capitalism works.” By trusting capitalism, lowering taxes, limiting the power of government, and investing in research and education, Bush said, America will achieve more economic growth than through Obama administration policies.



QUOTABLE QUOTES



Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, writing in his new book “No Apology: The Case for American Greatness”:

“These are difficult times: homes have lost value, nest eggs have been eroded, retirees have become anxious about their future, and millions upon millions of Americans are out of work. Inexcusable mistakes and failures precipitated the descent that has hurt so many people. But even as we endure the current

shocks, we know that this will not go on forever; we know that because America is a strong and prosperous nation, the economic cycle will eventually right itself and the future will be brighter than the present....To strengthen America's economy, we must minimize those things that retard economic growth and promote those things that accelerate it. A growth agenda favors low taxes, dynamic regulation, educational achievement, investment in research, robust competition, free trade, energy security, and purposeful immigration. And it seeks to eliminate government waste, excessive litigation, unsustainable entitlement liabilities, runaway health-care costs, and dependence on foreign oil. This, in a nutshell, ought to be the economic agenda for America...I'm one of those who believe America is destined to remain as it has been since the birth of the republic – the brightest hope of the world. And for that belief, I do not apologize.”

American Thinker

Stu Tarlowe, writing on Obama's “incompetence” on the [American Thinker](#) blog:

“It is a tremendous mistake to think that the disaster in the Gulf of Mexico will help convince Americans of Barack Obama's incompetence. Obama's true agenda is so insidious that even his inability to handle a crisis serves his greater strategy. And that strategy has a name: it is the Cloward-Piven Strategy. Named for the two Leftist sociology professors who formulated it, its purpose is to bring about the demise of capitalism by overloading the system, largely by making more people desperate and dependent on the government. Thus, Cloward-Piven's goals are served by more and more aliens flooding across the border and filling jails, emergency rooms and welfare rolls. It is also served by the mortgage crisis; in fact, Professors Cloward and Piven were the creators of ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now), which helped pressure banks to implement the lending policies that precipitated that crisis. But Cloward-Piven seeks a financial crisis far wider-ranging and more encompassing than a mere mortgage meltdown. So if the oil spill in the Gulf manages to destroy the fishing and tourist industries in that region, shut down oil drilling, raise the price of oil and of food all over the country, and bring more and more Americans to a financial breaking point and thus dependent on food stamps and other government programs, Obama and Company will smile and nod at one another as the Cloward-Piven strategy hums merrily along.”

California Congressman **Darrell Issa**, writing on political and economic suicide in [The American Spectator](#):



“Today, there are two very different and competing visions for America, and two very different results. One approach is to assume that the people – left to themselves – are incapable of making the right decisions about how to spend their money, or what kind of health insurance they need, or how to educate their children and provide for their families. The only solution, if you think like that, is bigger government, higher taxes, more regulations, greater federal control – and always, less transparency. The other way – which is at the heart of our democratic experiment – is to let the people make their own choices about how they live their lives, spend their money, and provide for their families. And when the government must tax the people to pursue a limited constitutional responsibility, the people have a right to know how their tax dollars are being spent.... Today, as never before, we are experiencing what President Lincoln foresaw – a suicide pact built on reckless congressional spending and President Obama's imperious policies. The American people, however, still have it within their power to put a stop to it. The only question remains: do we have the resolve?”



Congressional candidate Paul Crespo, writing on outsiders in the election in [The Washington Times National Weekly](#):

“Today, Washington seems more disconnected than ever from Main Street. This frustration is fueling the Tea Party movement, which is forcing the Republican Party back to its core constitutionalist principles and inspiring contested primaries to pump new blood into the system....There are a number of genuine conservative Republican outsiders running this year, including several military veterans, who, like me, see this as a mission, not a career....Democratic arrogance and overreach has opened the door for the Republican Party to retake Washington in the November elections by passionately advocating individual liberty, free markets and minimal government intrusion. The voters also want fresh, new principled leaders willing and able to defend the Constitution, traditional American values and hold government accountable. But be warned: Unless the GOP backs outsiders, fighters and reformers with no compromising ties to lobbyists or the establishment, the door could be closed just as quickly as it was opened.”

Note: Crespo, a former U.S. Marine Corps officer, is one of four Republican candidates for Florida's 25th Congressional District seat.



Associate Editor Matthew Continetti, writing on Congress in [The Weekly Standard](#):

“Congress is in the midst of the most significant generational shift since 1974. The congressmen and senators who came of age during the Nixon years, mainly liberal Democrats shaped by Vietnam and Watergate, are on the way out. A bunch of youngsters, mainly conservative Republicans shaped by 9/11 and the financial crisis, is on the way in. It’s a trend that will influence our politics for decades....The ultimate irony is that President Obama, 48, is not only part of the generational turn, he’s accelerating it. Obama promised a new politics, but his inexperience and ideology led him to cede power to the archons in Congress, experts in the old way of doing things. The liberal lions gloried in the return of the transactional welfare politics of their youth, but the public quickly soured on their policies. So the liberal restoration is bittersweet. Obama gave the old liberals one last chance to enact a decades-old agenda.”

OUTRAGEOUS QUOTE OF THE MONTH

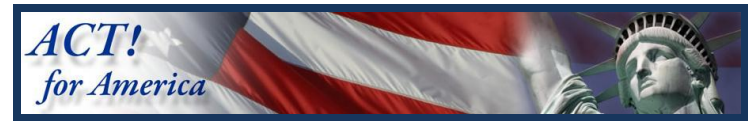


"President Obama and the Democratic Caucus have saved this country from a financial crisis created under the Bush administration."

-- Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi

EDITOR'S NOTE: We intend to reach as many Republicans in the county as possible to keep them informed. And we need constant input – information from clubs, from district chairs, from committees, from state and local party officials, even from the average Republican-in-the-street that we can include in each issue. There are numerous Republican and Conservative events taking place in Brevard County, and we need the information in order to cover them. Also, let us know what you like about the newsletter, and what you would like to see different. E-mail stuartgorin@bellsouth.net.

CONSERVATIVE INSTITUTIONS



(Each issue will focus on a different national organization that is making a difference for the conservative cause.)

[American Congress for Truth/ACT! For America](#)

Lebanese-American journalist, author and activist Brigitte Gabriel founded American Congress for Truth in 2002 to provide education, information and research about the threats to America's national security and democratic values by radical Islam.

Five years later, she created ACT! For America, an issues advocacy organization dedicated to mobilizing a grassroots citizen action network to lobby for public policies against the radical Islamic assault. There are more than 300 chapters throughout the country, including ACT Space Coast, located in Merritt Island.



“It didn’t take me long to realize that America is not only threatened by radical Islam, Islamic terror, and cultural Jihad,” says Gabriel, “we are also threatened by a festering political correctness that is unwilling or unable to identify and define the threat we face. If we don't win the war against Islamofascism, other issues won't matter at all.”

To accomplish the mission, American Congress for Truth and ACT! For America provide citizens, opinion leaders, the media and elected officials with materials created by reputable groups and individuals worldwide who share the concern about this threat.

Gabriel, who is based in Pensacola, wrote about her early days in Lebanon in “Because They Hate: A Survivor of Islamic Terror Warns America.” She says freedom-loving people must awaken to these threats because “Jihad has been declared on Christians, Jews, non-Muslims and secularists worldwide...simply because we are infidels according to their belief.”

Members of the ACT Space Coast Chapter speak about the organization at Tea Parties, current events classes and Republican and conservative clubs. They say education is their focus now, because legislation will not be possible until we get rid of the current Congress.

For additional information, visit the websites www.americancongressfortruth.com, www.actforamerica.org, and www.actspacecoast.org.

Republican Picnic Straw Poll Results"

United States Senator

William Escoffery III	11
William Billy Kogut	19
Marco Rubio	386
Marion Thorpe	37

US Rep Dist 15

Bill Posey	405
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US Rep Dist 24

Sandra "Sandy" Adams	148
Karen Diebel	100
Tom Garcia	83
Deon Long	16
Craig S. Miller	112

Governor and Lt Governor

William D. Crawford	14
Tim Devine	5
Ed Heeney	4
Bill McCollum	247
Berthram B. Samuel	3
Richard L. Scott	178
James A. Van Driessche	4

Attorney General

Holly Benson	23
Pam Bondi	177
Jeff Kottkamp	209
Jim Lewis	23

Chief Financial Officer

Jeff Atwater	327
Pat Patterson	74

Commissioner of Agriculture

Adam Putnam	345
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State Sen Dist 24

Thad Altman	270
Bart Carmichael	170

State Sen Dist 26

Mike Haridopolos	382
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State Rep Dist 29

Robert "Rob" Dale	21
Tom Goodson	163
Erin Grall	64
J. Roger Shealy	150

State Rep Dist 30

Christopher Allen Lacuesta	92
Ritch Workman	316
State Rep Dist 31	
Lori Halbert	238
Daniel Michael O'Brien	48
John Tobia	108
State Rep Dist 32	
Steve Crisafulli	361
State Rep Dist 80	
Debbie Mayfield	216
Bradley Allan Ward	96
Clerk of the Circuit Court	
Joanne Corby	223
Clarissa E. Harrell	56
Mitch Needelman	142
County Comm Dist 2	
Chuck Nelson	211
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Matt Nye	151
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Frank Buckoski	44
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David R. Golding	96
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R. Bruce Deardoff	114
William L. Golding	33
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Kenneth P. Karpinski	20
Randy O'Brien	67
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Linda Schoonover	173
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School Board Dist 1	
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Michael L. Krupp	110
Martin McClellan	79
School Board Dist 2	
Barbara A. Murray	246
School Board Dist 5	
Dean Paterakis	80
Andy Ziegler	257

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 22 and July 15 – Brevard Republican Men’s Club meeting, Doubles Restaurant, 7 pm.
County Commission 2 and 4 Debates will be on June 22nd.

June 24 and July 22 – Ronald Reagan Clubs meeting, Jimmy’s Restaurant, Rockledge, 7 pm

June 25 - North Brevard Republican Club Special Dinner Meeting, 6:30 PM at LaCita Country Club. See www.northbrevardrepublicans.us for details

July 7 – Melbourne Area Federated Republican Women meeting, Holiday Inn, Viera, 11 am

July 8 – BREC meeting, County Government Building, Viera, 6:30 pm.

July 15 – [Republican Women’s Network of South Brevard](#) meeting, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, 11 am.

July 23 – Republican Hispanic Club meeting, Piccadilly Restaurant, Melbourne, 7 pm.

July 23 – North Brevard Republican Club meeting, La Cita Country Club, Titusville, 7 pm.

July 27 – Space Coast Florida Republican Winners meeting, call club president Beth Allen at 302-8839 or Nancy Baker at 783-9631 for additional details.

July 28 – [Brevard Young Republicans](#) meeting, Pizza Gallery, Viera, 6:30 pm.

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James Bond, 007 himself, is thrilled that Pennsylvania Democrats finally have gotten rid of SPECTRE!