



The Tusk

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“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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Chairman

Dave Isnardi
Vice-Chair

Ruthie Montelione
Secretary

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Treasurer

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Editor’s Note: This is the official newsletter of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee. 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. Let us know what you like about the newsletter, and what you would like to see different. (I HOPE you did NOT think I was going to say CHANGE!).

Too many Republicans in Brevard County are not aware of what is occurring, and others are more concerned with their own agendas. As Chairman Steele has so emphatically pointed out, we need to end intra-party squabbling and bickering and come together united. The goal is to support and elect conservative Republicans to public office and help get the country back on track. The way the administration and the Democrats in Washington are now sinking in the public opinion polls due to their actions, we have a golden opportunity to provide a positive influence. It is time to put the GRAND back in the Grand Old Party!

ISNARDI, MONTELIONE ELECTED TO BREC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dave Isnardi was elected Vice Chair at the August 13 BREC meeting, defeating Dale Davis 49-31 in a re-vote from the July 8 meeting, following charges that the initial balloting was invalid due to technical problems since the previous Committee secretary had neglected to file an updated list of eligible voters with the Republican Party of Florida.

Ruth Montelione was re-affirmed unopposed as she had been previously, for the position of Secretary.

In other August 13 election results, Sean Freeman was elected by acclamation to the position of District 5 Chair, replacing Michael Kahn, who has resigned. Kahn also has resigned as the committee’s General Counsel.

RUBIO VISITS BREC MEETING

Former State House Speaker and current U.S. Senate candidate Marco Rubio addressed the August 13 BREC meeting, saying he felt the stakes are too high to leave the election to those who will say and do whatever the popular opinions are on any given day.

On the subject of immigration, Rubio said the Republican Party should not be an anti-illegal immigration party, but it should be a pro-legal immigration party. He called for closing our borders, both north and south, and not providing amnesty for illegals, which would encourage those who would benefit our nation to emigrate legally.

Asked about the government's "wet feet/dry feet" program for Cubans attempting to enter the country, he said he supports the Cuban Adjustment Act that includes exiles from Communist countries seeking asylum.

Reiterating his pro-life stand, Rubio said he believes that Roe-v.-Wade is unconstitutional, and that life begins at conception.

Regarding health insurance reform, Rubio said people should be allowed to choose how much insurance they want or if they want any at all, and he favored allowing health insurance to be purchased across state lines.

Rubio, a visiting professor at Florida International University, is a graduate of the University of Florida and the University of Miami School of Law. He is married and has four children. His campaign can be reached at www.MarcoRubio.com.

OPEN INVITATION FOR GOVERNOR CRIST TO VISIT BREC

Chairman Steele said Governor Charlie Crist was still looking at names for someone to fill the remaining term in the U.S. Senate for Mel Martinez,

who is retiring. Crist, who announced he will compete for the seat in November 2010, said he will not appoint himself. He will face Marco Rubio and others in the Republican primary. Steele said he has spoken with Crist, and invited the Governor to attend a future BREC meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, August 25 – Space Coast Florida Republican Winners Meeting at 10:30 am at the Holiday Inn Cocoa Beach, 1300 N. Atlantic Avenue

Friday, August 28 – Republican Hispanic Club Meeting at 7 pm at the Piccadilly Restaurant in Melbourne Square Mall

Wednesday, September 2 – Melbourne Area Federal Republican Women Meeting at 11 am at the Holiday Inn Viera, 8298 N. Wickham Road

Monday, September 7 – New Millennium Republican Club Meeting at 6:30 pm at the Viera/Suntree Library

PUNDIT "PEARLS"

Dick Morris, author of the new bestseller "Catastrophe," speaking recently to a group of conservatives traveling on a Mediterranean cruise sponsored by National Review magazine, expressed optimism that the Republican Party will overwhelmingly win the 2010 election, but he warned that it was vital for everyone to concentrate all of their efforts to defeat President Obama's health care and cap-and-trade proposals. The question, he said, was whether the president would be able to destroy the country between now and then on those two issues.

"We are opinion leaders in our communities," Morris stressed, and he called on the cruise participants to attack Obama's job approval with a vote of no confidence. He said Obama gained his

momentum through the Democrats' use of the proportional representation system in the shadow of the economic crisis but his popularity is now falling when he is out of the shadow. Look more at his ability to hide than to lead, Morris added.

The popular political pundit can be reached at www.dickmorris.com.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

Monica Crowley, syndicated radio host and McLaughlin Group panelist, writing in The Washington Times National Weekly: "There's a new affliction sweeping the nation: Obama traumatic stress disorder, or OTSD. It is a physiological condition caused by overindulgence in Obamamania, which leads to severe hangoverlike pangs of distress and regret...The only known antidote to OTSD is a return to conservative principles of limited government, free-market economics, lower taxes and individual freedom. When the country re-embraces those ideas, OTSD will dissipate, and the nation eventually will make a full recovery."

CONSERVATIVE INSTITUTIONS

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

Media Research Center – This nationally-recognized watchdog, based in Alexandria, Virginia, has worked for more than 20 years to expose the media's liberal bias by monitoring and challenging political, business and cultural news, and producing its own original news and multimedia content. It is creating a media culture in America where truth and liberty flourish.

Brent Bozell, the president and founder of MRC, is a nephew of the late conservative icon William F. Buckley, Jr. He and his staff appear on numerous TV and radio programs to explain how liberal media bias is handicapping political discourse in favor of the Left. MRC also reaches the public

through eight websites, including its primary one – www.MRC.org.

Before MRC's inception, polls showed that only 22 percent of Americans recognized the media's liberal bias. Last year, more than 90 percent of Americans said they believed journalists' political bias affects their coverage.

MRC holds an annual "Dishonors Gala" in Washington, DC at which awards are given to the journalists who say or write the year's most egregious examples of liberal bias. Of course, the "honorees" never show up, and the awards are gleefully accepted on their behalf by notable conservatives.

To support MRC or obtain additional information, contact Bozell at bbozell@mediaresearch.org or Thom Golab, MRC's Vice President for Development, at tgolab@mediaresearch.org.

COMICAL CLOSURE

The difference between party affiliation switchers is that a Republican who joins the Democrats is a traitor, while a Democrat who joins the Republicans is a convert.