PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In Lieu of Totally New Beginnings

Another year, another chance, another hope for a new beginning. That is what many of us anticipate on January 1. But, the term new can be overrated. Just because something is new, we assume it must be better.

"Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man." Benjamin Franklin, Founding Father, author, inventor, in a 1755 almanac.

So much excitement and idealism accompany the notion of a new beginning, we may fail to realize new beginnings take work. Just as people resolve to do better, organizations should make resolutions, but they must be pragmatic. Instead of looking forward to a clean slate, let’s start from where we left off and learn how we can do better.

Volunteers and Victory

Republicans finally have a majority on the County Council and the School Board. Republicans reclaimed a super majority in the state House of Representatives, flipping six seats, and maintained a majority in the Senate. Governor Scott and the entire Republican cabinet were re-elected. Republicans will have full control of 28 state legislatures (both chambers), their largest total since 1928. The GOP will have 32 governorships, including newly won offices in traditionally Democratic Illinois, Maryland and Massachusetts. Republicans will walk into 2015 controlling both the U.S House (243 seats) and Senate (53 seats). It will be the first time the GOP has controlled both chambers since the 109th Congress and the widest margin of control since 1929. In great part, this is the abundant harvest of the grassroots.

Victory Breeds Success – Membership and Turnout

Let’s use this electoral success as a recruitment tool to expand our cadre of consistent, reliable volunteers with more like-minded “can do” people - new members and members alike. We need watchmen to ensure our elected Republican officials stay true to their platforms to show (and attract) new constituencies that conservative policies do improve lives. Let’s emphasize how critical the Presidential election is and get people excited. Just as democracy is tenuous without citizen participation, so is the success of the RCWV dependent on member participation (at any level), satisfaction and growth.

Activities

Potential members of the Club may want to meet new friends; to have fun; to be active in the community; to feel proud; to be well led; to involve their family. The Club had great community exposure handing out voter guides and participating in the DeLand Christmas Parade and Wreaths Across America. Let’s build on this (let me know of any events in which you think the Club should participate) to promote the Club to a new and wider constituency. And we can show and have a good time doing so.

Objectives

With the turning of the calendar, we should muse on what we learned in the past year and what we may want to do differently in the next. No matter the good intentions, the Club can’t thrive unless our goals are compelling, realistic, supported, planned out, measurable, fun and elect Constitutional patriots. So, let’s use the New Year as a springboard for a renewed start, not an entirely NEW start. I look forward to working with all of you.

Paul Deering, President
Capt. Downey was an ace WWII pilot, the youngest ever to fly for the Navy during the war, and a pilot for 70 years. On November 13, 1944, at Manila Bay, he helped sink a Japanese light Cruiser. In the course of that action, his plane was hit by shrapnel from the explosion of the bomb from his flight leader. The damage nearly ended the mission, but Capt. Downey was able to get the plane back to a carrier. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for this action and cited in Tom Brokaw's bestselling book, “The Greatest Generation”. In civilian life, Capt. Downey was an aviation executive with various commercial airlines. Last February, he and his daughter were invited by President George H.W. Bush, the second youngest WWII Navy pilot and his wife, Barbara, to their home in College Station, Texas. *Photos courtesy Karen K. Clark*
THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF WEST VOLUSIA WAS A PROUD SUPPORTER OF WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA 2014 ("REMEMBER, HONOR, TEACH") AND CO-SPONSOR OF THE DELAND WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT DELAND MEMORIAL GARDENS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, AT NOON. DELAND MAYOR ROBERT APGAR THANKED THE CITIZENS OF DELAND, AND CONGRESSMAN RON DESANTIS WAS THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER. THE DELAND EVENT COINCIDED WITH CEREMONIES AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY AND AT 1,000 LOCATIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY AND AT OVERSEAS CEMETERIES, WHERE A TOTAL OF 700,000 WREATHS WERE PLACED ON VETERANS' GRAVES. KUDOS AND THANKS TO MARILYN LANNING FOR HER HARD WORK AS RCWV WAA COORDINATOR AND TO THOSE WHO PURCHASED WREATHS AND HELPED WITH THE CEREMONY.

(Photos Courtesy Patty and Gary Crews and WAA DeLand Facebook Page)
THE TOP 10 LIES FROM OBAMA’S NOVEMBER IMMIGRATION (NULLIFICATION) SPEECH (BY DANIEL HOROWITZ, “CONSERVATIVE REVIEW” - November 21, 2014)

Lie #1: Every President has Taken Executive Action on Immigration: No other president has ever issued an amnesty of anywhere near this scope, created it out of thin air, or built it upon a prior executive action instead of a statute. And in the case of President Eisenhower, his executive action was to deport 80,000 illegal immigrants.

Lie #2: Illegal Immigrant Crossings are Down: Actually, this is the third straight year that border crossings have gone up, not to mention the entirely new wave from Central America.

Lie #3: It does not grant citizenship or the right to stay here permanently: Under the royal edict, the work permits can be renewed every three years, and, most likely, they will be renewed at the same 99.5% acceptance rate as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) (Dreamers) applications. And once they get Social Security cards, they are going nowhere. So yes, this is permanent. And yes, they will be able to get green cards, which puts them on an automatic path to citizenship: “we are reducing the time that families are separated while obtaining their green cards. Undocumented immigrants who are immediate relatives of lawful permanent residents or sons or daughters of US citizens can apply to get a waiver if a visa is available.”

Lie #4: Only 5 Million: Make no mistake about it. Obama’s illegal amnesty will not just apply to 5 million individuals. It will apply by default to all 12-20 million illegals in the country as well as the millions more who will now come here to enjoy the permanent cessation of borders and sovereignty. Given the numerous options for people to become eligible for amnesty, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CPB) will be restricted from enforcing the law against anyone because each individual has to be afforded the opportunity to present themselves and apply for status. There is no way those who were here for less than 5 years will be deported and there’s no way the new people rushing the border and overstaying their visas will be repatriated.

Lie #5: Deport Felons: Obama claims he is going to focus on deporting felons. Yet, he has done the opposite. 36,000 convicted criminal aliens were released last year, 80,000 criminal aliens encountered by ICE weren’t even placed into deportation proceedings, 167,000 criminal aliens who were ordered deported are still at large, 341,000 criminal aliens released by ICE without deportation orders are known to be free and at large in the US. Again, this is cessation of deportations for everyone. They are leaving no illegal behind.

Lie #6: Don’t deport families: Obama is playing the family card. It works like this: people are encouraged to come here illegally, Obama grants them amnesty, then their relatives all get to come, even though they would otherwise be ineligible under public charge laws. Yet, at the same time, because the bureaucracy will be flooded with applications of illegals, and those are the applications that will be prioritized, those families who came here legally will have to wait longer to be united. There is no longer an incentive to enter the legal immigration process.
Lie #7: They have to pay taxes to stay: Aside from the absurd notion that they would turn someone away for not paying taxes, almost every one of these illegal immigrants lacks a high enough income to incur a net positive tax liability. Hence, by paying taxes, he actually means they will collect refundable tax credits!

Lie #8: Background Checks: Just the thought of a criminal background check of people coming from the third world on a lawless program is a joke. To the extent that this has already been done with DACA, 99.5% of applications were approved, including those of criminals.

Lie #9: Cracking Down on Illegal Immigration at the Border: Obama promises to beef up resources at the border. But as we’ve seen over the past few years, what good are more agents if they are explicitly intimidated into turning a blind eye. Moreover, there is no promise to build a fence or implement a visa tracking system, so any talk of enforcement is an insult to our intelligence. Moreover, he is unilaterally abolishing the Secure Communities Program, the only successful interior enforcement program left after he abolished state-federal cooperation in 2012. At a time when we are facing threats from Islamic terror and deadly diseases, this invitation to the world will present a security nightmare.

Lie #10: Scripture tells us, we shall not oppress a stranger: It’s great to see him quoting the Bible for once, but nice try. There are different variations of this verse throughout the Bible, but each one uses the Hebrew word “Ger” to describe what Obama translates as “stranger.” A Ger is a convert to Judaism. The commandment was not referring to people who illegally migrate to a nation state. And more importantly, it is downright offensive to Americans to insinuate that not granting “strangers” benefits is tantamount to oppression, especially given the fact that they have been the biggest recipients of our generous legal system. Moreover, if there is oppression taking place, it is to the American taxpayer and worker and those who suffer from gangs like MS-13.


IT'S NOT PERSONAL, IT'S PRAGMATIC

There’s not a sane person who wants to, or believes it is possible to, round up millions of people and deport them. The opposition to amnesty is not personal. It has to do with the rule of law - the faithful execution of immigration laws on the books which include a secured border, active and advantageous limits on immigration, and the prosecution of those who break the law. (Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution requires the President to “take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed,” meaning the President must enforce all constitutionally valid Acts of Congress, regardless of the Administration’s view of their wisdom or policy). It has to do with economic productivity. Barack Obama himself wrote in his 2006 book, The Audacity of Hope, “that illegal immigration harms the wages of blue collar workers, especially black Americans; depresses wages; and strains the overburdened safety net.” It also has to do with preserving America’s distinct and proud culture, which is why immigrants in the past wanted to come here. They wanted to work, and more dearly, to become Americans. They had to learn English. They wanted to learn American custom. They became acquainted with American holidays. They studied for citizenship. And they were proud when they received it.

INTERESTING IMMIGRATION INFORMATION

It took many years for the various cultures of the first (mid-1800s, composed mainly of Irish escaping the potato famine and Germans) and second wave (late 1800s into the early 1900s, composed of people from Eastern and Southern Europe and Asia) of immigrants to assimilate, which is why there was virtually no immigration in the U.S. for over 40 years, from the 1920s, when borders were closed after the second wave until the 1960s. Congress passed the Emergency Quota Act in 1921, and, in 1924, the Johnson–Reed Act, which included the National Origins Act and Asian Exclusion Act, limiting the annual number of immigrants that could be admitted from any country to 2% of the number of people from that country who were already living in the United States in 1890. The law was aimed at further restricting immigration of Southern and Eastern Europeans, and severely restricted the immigration of Africans and prohibited immigration of Arabs, East Asians, and Indians. According to the U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian, the purpose of the act was "to preserve the ideal of American homogeneity." What would horrify today’s
sensibilities by its harshness faced minimal Congressional and popular opposition. And, it was severe in light that only 12 million passed through Ellis Island on the way to legal citizenship over the course of its 60 year existence, a mere 200,000 per year, not the immigration flood legend taught today. The kiss of death for methodical, legal immigration and subsequent assimilation was the Democrat pushed Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965. Ironically, it was passed as and considered more a symbolic act, an international extension of the new civil rights sentiments, a feel-good, good show gesture to eliminate the various nationality criteria and put people of all nations on an equal footing. And, just as with Obama’s amnesty decree, proponents of the Act, predominately Ted Kennedy, repeatedly denied that the law would lead to a huge and sustained increase in the number of newcomers and assured that its passage would not significantly influence the country’s demographic mix nor affect America’s culture. These assertions have proven to be grossly inaccurate. In the three decades following passage of the Act, more than 18 million legal (and untold illegal) immigrants entered the United States, more than three times the number admitted over the preceding 30 years. And, it did change the fabric of America. In the 1950s, more than half of all immigrants were Europeans; between 1965 and 2000, the highest number of immigrants (4.3 million) to the U.S. came from Mexico. Cuba and Vietnam were also leading sources of immigrants, each sending between 700,000 and 800,000, in addition to some 1.4 million from the Philippines, Korea, the Dominican Republic, and India over this period. The 1986 Immigration Reform Act, signed into law by President Reagan, gave amnesty to an additional 3 million. Illegal immigration is hard to quantify because of difficulty in locating and accurately counting individuals in this population. The illegal immigrant population of the United States in 2008 was estimated by the Center for Immigration Studies to be about 11 million people. Other estimates range wildly from 7 to 30 million. According to a Pew Hispanic Center report, as of 2012, 59% of illegal immigrants were from Mexico; 24% were from other Latin American countries, primarily from Central America; 9% were from Asia; 5% were from Europe and Canada; and 3% were from Africa and the rest of the world.

**ALL AMNESTY ADVOCATES ARE NOT ALTRUISIC**

Love of humanity is not the impetus driving the dominant amnesty advocates. Big business and its powerful lobby, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, love illegal immigration because it provides abundant, undocumented, cheap labor. Why aren’t the haters of “greedy big business” - the Democrats, La Raza and other progressive groups not decrying this? After all, these are the groups credited for their compassion and caring and big hearts. The truth is, they all need the strong arm of business to provide them a constituency. Illegals are pawns of the Democrat Party, which sees and needs a permanent, unskilled, uneducated, dutiful, appreciative, government dependent underclass for votes; of special interest groups, that need them to perpetuate their grievance industry and raise funds, and of big business, which needs low wage workers. Compassion is their front for control. It’s inhumane. And, all Republicans don’t have clean hands.

**BE WARY OF BOEHNER AND LEERY OF LEADERSHIP**

After the sweeping Republican victories in the midterms, with opposition to amnesty one of the top issues, Speaker John Boehner lied to and bullied Republicans into funding amnesty with passage of the corrupt spending bill, a bill they didn’t have time to read. Boehner, known as the Chamber of Commerce’s pet Republican, has argued for some sort of immigration bill in 2015 and intimated he will push an initial “border security” effort to soften up conservatives for a compromise with Democrats. Before Congress recessed, Senators Ted Cruz and Mike Lee forced every senator to vote, on the public record, regarding the constitutionality of the President’s amnesty decree. Republican leaders who condemned Obama’s lawlessness during the midterms actually whipped against the Cruz/Lee rebuke of that lawlessness. At the same time, these leaders continue to look voters in the eye and promise to persuade the federal courts that the President has overstepped his constitutional bounds. The coalition of business lobbyists, ethnic pressure groups, and politicians pushing “immigration reform” have money and power to gain, and the money and power to make it happen. What used to be we the people, ruled by our consent, is now becoming meaningless as the political ruling class corrupts as much as they can for their pockets and power.
The Republican Club of West Volusia was well represented in the 66th Annual Jaycees Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 6, down Woodland Boulevard in downtown DeLand. This year’s RCWV entry was a 1964 Corvette Stingray convertible, driven by Tim Wolcott, with RCWV Dana Swanson on board to spread the Club’s good cheer. The crowd responded with applause and thumbs ups to the float and the Republican Party!

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January 20, 2015 Meeting Speaker: Pat Patterson  
District 1 Volusia County Councilman and Vice Chair  
RCWV Member Pat Patterson is the Vice Chair and District 1 Representative on the Volusia County Council. His district includes the incorporated areas of DeLand, Orange City, DeBary, Lake Helen and Pierson, and the unincorporated areas of DeLeon Springs, Emporia, Volusia, Seville, Barberville and surrounding areas. Councilman Patterson served in the Florida House of Representatives from 1998 to 2000 and 2002 to 2010 and on the Volusia County Council from 1995 to 1998, serving as Vice Chair in 1996 and Chair in 1997. He attended Florida Atlantic University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in Education in 1976 and a master’s degree in Education/Early Childhood Administration and Supervision in 1978. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1969 to 1973 aboard the USS Newport LST 1179 and USS Opportune ARS 41. He is the owner and agent for Pat Patterson Insurance Agency and lives in DeLand with his wife, Anne Coggeshall Patterson.

January 20, 2015 Meeting: Swearing In of the New RCWV Board  
Webster Barnaby  
RCWV Member Webster Barnaby won an overwhelming victory in his 2012 run for District 2 Deltona City Commissioner and was a candidate in the 2014 race for the Volusia County Council At Large seat. Born in Birmingham, England, he attended Matthew Bolton Technical College, receiving an associate’s degree in Business Administration and worked for the Birmingham City Council Housing Department for 10 years as an area housing manager. He moved to St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, working in the hospitality industry, then moved to the U.S. and became a naturalized citizen on March 5, 1998. He worked for more than 18 years a national sales representative with the non-partisan research firm, National Write Your Congressman. An ordained minister, he and his wife, Sylvia, the Deltona Site Manager at Quest Diagnostics Lab, have two children who grew up in Deltona.

★★★★☆ February Speaker to Be Announced ★★★★☆  
March 17, 2015 Meeting: Ben F. Johnson,  
Volusia County Sheriff  
Sheriff Johnson is a lifelong resident of Volusia County. He graduated from Deland High School (1968), Daytona Beach Community College, with an Associate of Science in Criminal Justice (1978) and Rollins College, Winter Park, earning a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, with honors (1981). He was elected Sheriff of Volusia County in November 2000 and assumed office January 1, 2001, and was re-elected in 2004, 2008 and 2012. His career with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office spanned from October 1971 to May 1998. He was promoted to Sergeant in November 1974; promoted to Lieutenant in January 1984; First District Commander in Deltona, April 1989; and SWAT Entry Team Leader. Sheriff Johnson is a graduate of the 156th session of the FBI National Academy, Quantico, VA (1989) and was elected President of the Florida Sheriff’s Association (2011). He and his wife Leslye Gale, host of the Magic Morning Show on Magic 107.7, Orlando, live in Glenwood.