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## Reservations & Menu

**Date:** Monday, July 13, 2009  
**Time:** 5:00 Social Hour  
6:00 Meeting & Dinner

**Location:** *Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club*  
4400 Lister Street, Port Charlotte

### For Reservations:

Please phone Ruth Bahner at 639-9450, or email at [ruthbahner1@comcast.net](mailto:ruthbahner1@comcast.net). Reservation deadline is noon, **Friday, July 10, 2009**. Late reservations may be accommodated but the menu may be limited. Dinner cost is **\$25** per person. *Cancellations must be received before noon, July 10, to avoid charge to member.*

### Menu

*Hot Rolls & Butter*  
*CHYC House Salad*  
*Coffee, Tea, Ice Tea (non-flavored)*

### Entrée Selections:

*Roast Sliced Sirloin with garlic herb butter*  
or  
*Pistachio Coated Chicken*  
*with boursin stuffing and yellow tomato coulis*  
or  
*Grilled Salmon with orange sauce*  
or  
*Vegetarian Plate (Chef's Choice)*  
*Served with*  
*Chef's Choice of Starch and Vegetable*  
*Chef's Dessert Choice*

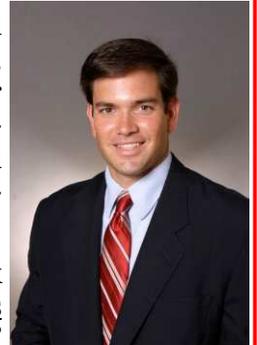
## New Members This Month...

Karen Maxie  
Barry & Mary Jollett  
Noel and Linda Hyde

**Welcome Aboard!**

## July 13th CCRC Meeting Marco Rubio - Candidate for US Senate

Former Speaker of the Florida House and Candidate for US Senate, Marco Rubio is a dynamic speaker with a clear, consistent, conservative, message that resonates. He is a very bright light on the Florida political horizon.



He may be best known for his book 1000 Innovative Ideas for Florida's Future; a compilation of citizens' suggestions gathered through "Idearaisers" functions.

You are guaranteed to become *energized!!*

## CCREC Opportunities

The Republican Party of Florida provides two fundamental elements of organization in each county: Clubs and Executive Committees. Clubs are chartered by the RPOF to provide an informal environment within which Republicans stay in touch with the community and each other. The Executive Committees are structured to support the business of the party.

Each County is divided into precincts and the number of Executive Committee members in each precinct is determined by population. One Committeeman and one Committeewomen and their alternates comprise the minimum number of Executive Committee Members per precinct. Precincts with larger populations may have multiple members.

The Charlotte County Executive Committee has formed a Membership Committee to recruit people who are interested in supporting the Party by becoming members. The group has developed a four step process for becoming a committee person.

**Outreach:** The committee will reach out to the clubs and other groups to identify prospective members. If you are interested in becoming a member of the

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## President's Message

It was indeed an honor to have Senator Nancy Detert and Representative Roberson present the legislative review in June. It was particularly interesting to hear the history of legislation that has taken years to make its way through the House and Senate and finally emerge as law.

The launch of the Monday Mixer on June 22 was huge success. Well 70 members and guests were in the room and we spilled out into the lobby. The appetizers were great and John Perez kept them coming. I was a little apprehensive that we might be imposing on John to get such a great deal but in the end, we both met our objectives. We brought over 20 people to the dining room and then a few of the more dedicated went up to the roof for a victory lap.

We met at least 20 or so people for the first time and they are membership prospects. We also had some people join right on the spot. A special thank you to Commissioner Robert Skidmore for filling in for Bob Starr who lost his mother last week. Thank you also to all the elected officials who came: Airport Commissioner, Don Lee, Mayor Larry Friedman, who was celebrating his unopposed election, Councilman Charles Wallace, Committeewoman Jane Sturges and Committeeman Lindsay Harrington. We will do it again on Monday, **July, 27, 2009**. 5:00 pm. Be There!!!

### Goings On:

**Fall Membership Mixer** The date will be October 2, 2009 at the Beach Complex. This will be a major drive to boost membership for the 2010 campaigns.

**Elephant Scramble Golf Outing** The date is set for October 10, 2009 at St Andrews in Punta Gorda Isles. Tom Kessler needs volunteers. Please call Tom at (941) 575-1161.

**Cruise** March 14, 2010, see ad elsewhere in this issue.

**Fashion show** The date is set for March 3 2010 at the Charlotte Harbor Yacht club.

**Bill Folchi**  
President

## CCRC Calendar

- July 13 CCRC Meeting, Marco Rubio Senate Candidate
- July 27 Monday Mixer at the Wyvern Hotel 5-7PM
- Aug 17 CCRC Meeting, Legislative Report: Mike Bennet & Paige Kreegel  
*Note the Date Change.*
- Aug 24 Monday Mixer at the Wyvern Hotel 5-7PM
- Oct 2 Annual Membership Mixer
- Oct 10 CCRC Elephant Scramble

## August 17th CCRC Meeting Legislative Update

### District 21 Sen. Mike Bennett

Committees include:

- Banking & Insurance
- Finance & Tax
- Energy, Environment, & Land Use



### District 72 Rep. Paige Kreegel

Committees include:

- Energy & Utilities Policy - Chair
- Health Care Appropriations



Here's your chance to give them an ear full...

...But please, not with your mouth full.

## CCREC Opportunities (Continued from page 1)

executive committee you should contact a member of the CCREC Membership Committee. Here is their contact information:

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**Involvement:** The committee has a document called Nuts and Bolts which describes the details of being an active member of the REC and gives insight into what type of people we are looking for.

**Introduction:** The Committee regularly conducts candidate discussion meetings in which potential candidates get to meet Committee members and describe their background and discuss what the job is about with people who are already members.

**Election:** Candidates who have met with the Committee are presented for candidacy to the Executive Committee and voted on. There are vacancies in all of the 80 precincts in Charlotte County. **You are encouraged to contact the membership committee to explore getting involved.**

**Bill Folchi**

## Cheney/Gringrich/Noonan; Let's Play Republican

Recent writings by or about the above Republican VIPs certainly is fodder for Republican Party thoughts and concerns. I am referring to Pat Buchanan's column "Cheney Shows the Way, a Newt Gingrich fund raiser mailing for "Rediscovering God in America" and Peggy Noonan's WSJ article "Republicans, Let's Play grown-Up".

Pat Buchanan told us "Dick Cheney is giving the Republican a demonstration of how to fight a popular president". Is there Republican reading this that has not been proud of former Vice President Cheney's defense of the previous administration's military and security actions? I know I have murmured a thank you and well done Mr. Cheney to myself and others (particularly Democrats). Pat Buchanan pointed out that Cheney's positions were 100 percent reality based and that "having defended every decision he took, Cheney then counterattacked". Pat goes on to note that Cheney is winning. Cheney's approval rating has risen, "Speaker Pelosi's credibility has been shredded ---." (Hasn't this been a pleasing series of events), and "Harry Reid and a Democratic Senate voted 90 to 6 to humiliate Obama by denying him the funds needed to close Guantanamo ---". Pat concluded his column stating "The Republican Party needs to get off the psychiatrist's couch, and stand up and fight for what it believes".

Newt Gingrich is lending his name and reputation to help raise funds for the distribution of a film titled Rediscovering God in America. He describes the film as a walking tour through the Nation's Capital viewing evidence of God's role in American history. Newt state "Over the last 50 years, radical secularist judges have slowly and steadily outlawed references to God, religious symbols, and public prayer."

He goes on to give examples such as no prayers at high

school graduations, removing the Ten Commandments from public locations, law suits to eliminate "under God" from the pledge and "In God we trust" from U.S. currency. In the fund raiser Newt makes reference to numerous historical quotes and visual displays of God's role in American history.

The alpha third writing was Peggy Noonan's grade school teacher style writing seeming to scold Republicans to be careful attacking Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor. You can take issue with the style of writing but not the message, "Don't grill and grandstand, summon and inform". Noonan is concerned that conservative activist will alienate Hispanics and moderates in a losing fight that would overwhelm efforts to inform potential voters that Republicans often have the better argument. Republicans "should have more faith in the philosophical assumptions of their party, which so often reflect the wisdom of experience, of tradition of Founder more brilliant than we".

Why should we be interested in the noted writings? Dick Cheney is a true Republican hero. Thank you God for Dick Cheney and family. They are true American patriots. Let us defend our Republican positions with the same truth and courage. Remember Contract with America? Newt Gingrich may have the brightest political mind in America today. His writings and solutions to gigantic problems should be more broadly read and discussed. Newt's solutions can be found at [www.newt.org](http://www.newt.org). Peggy Noonan is a proven Republican strategist and speech writer. She would seem to be a more moderate Carl Rove and shares in the success of the Reagan and Bush elections. We should rely on proven Republicans to guide us as each election seems to get more and more important in this dangerous and not so stable world.

John Hitzel

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