



A Political, Dinner and Conversation Club

Teresa Eaton, President

August, 2009 Newsletter

Please Make Your August 11 Meeting Dinner Reservations!

The next meeting of the Roundtable will take place on Tuesday, August 11, at the St. Andrew Bay Yacht Club in Panama City. A buffet dinner begins at 6:00 p.m., and *dinner reservations are necessary* so that the Yacht Club can plan for adequate food and staff. Please make your dinner reservations with BCRR Treasurer *Melissa Thompson* at

melissa@efileamerica.com or 527-7384

Tom Neubauer Speaks at July BCRR Meeting

BCRR Chaplain, David Agosta, led us in prayer and the Pledge. President Teresa then recognized all elected officials and our military veterans in the audience.

The treasurer's report for 2008 was offered for discussion and approval.

Our guest speaker was Tom Neubauer, of the Bay Defense Alliance. He spoke about the BDA's efforts to offset the economic impact of the current drawdown at Tyndall AFB. He gave an excellent and informative talk on the many ways which local officials and business folks strive to keep our military bases alive and well. The information he shared was well received and generated numerous questions from the audience.

Roundtable T-shirts Still Available

Thanks to the tenacious efforts of BCRR Treasurer *Melissa Thompson* and BCRR Legislative Watchdog *Glen Leirer*, the Roundtable T-shirts are now available to members at the cost of \$10 per shirt. The shirts feature a large version of the club's great-looking logo on the back, and a smaller version on the front.

Gibbs Wins Membership Drive Award

Barry Gibbs, BCRR Secretary, was awarded a beautiful cloisonné elephant at the July meeting for his dedication to membership recruitment for the Roundtable. Barry maintains an e-mail distribution list with hundreds of names. His e-newsletters, meeting announcements and updates on local Republican activities have drawn many visitors and new members to the Roundtable. Our sincerest thanks, Barry!

Resolution Unanimously Adopted

The Roundtable's general membership unanimously adopted at its July meeting a resolution calling on Florida's Republican leaders to uphold Rule 8 of the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF) *Rules of Procedure*. RPOF Rule 8 provides for the endorsement of one Republican candidate over another in a contested primary only with the unanimous approval of RPOF's Executive Board and 60% approval of its Executive Committee.

Books for Soldiers Project Makes Second Shipment

The BCRR's 2nd Vice President, Richard Plantec, and his wife, Barbara, recently met with Door Prize Co-Chairs Sue Bynum and Mike Speaks to pack up six boxes of donated books, CDs, DVDs and candy for U.S. soldiers in service overseas. Another set of boxes will be shipped soon. Richard and the Projects Committee are also working on ways to assist Junior ROTC programs at local high schools this fall.

August, September Programs Set

The program for the August 11 Roundtable meeting is a discussion free-for-all. Topics will include the Crist-Rubio U.S. Senate primary race, some background on the terrorist detainee program at Gitmo, and, of course, Obamacare. Barry Borrer will be our moderator. Bring a friend and your opinions, and join us for the fun!

For our September 8 meeting, 1st Vice President, Vicki Doolittle, has arranged for Lt. Col. (Ret.) Don Arias to speak. Don now works for Air Force Special Operations at Hurlburt Field. His brother died in the 9/11 WTC terrorist attack, and Don has dedicated himself to counter-terror efforts.

Roundtable Officers to Attend RPOF Quarterly Meeting

President Teresa Eaton, 1st Vice President Vicki Doolittle and Treasurer Melissa Thompson will attend the quarterly meeting of the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF) on August 21 and 22.

The Bay County Republican Roundtable was nominated last month for the RPOF's Club of the Year award, which will be presented at a reception on Friday evening. The quarterly meeting will include workshops for club officers.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Betty Malin's family continues to grieve for her precious grandson, Joseph Adam Malin, Jr., who was murdered in New Iberia, LA, on July 10. Adam, just 19 at the time of his death, was a graduate of Hargrave Military Academy, and the family has asked that memorial gifts be directed there. The address is 200 Military Drive, Chatham, VA 24531.

A Message from Your Roundtable President . . .

Send a postcard to your U.S. Representative and Senators today objecting to Obamacare. Send a postcard to your U.S. Representative and Senators tomorrow objecting to Obamacare. Send a postcard to your U.S. Representative and Senators the next day We can't afford to be the silent majority even one more day.

U.S. Representative Allen Boyd (D) will be holding community forums in northwest Florida this month. He's scheduled to be in Panama City on Fri., Aug. 28 (time and location TBD). At this time neither U.S. Sen. Mel Martinez (R) nor U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson (D) has announced plans to be available to address constituents' questions and concerns about Obamacare one-on-one.

My gratitude for your support and friendship,
Teresa

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Quote of the Month

"The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings. The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery."

- Winston Churchill

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If you have a cool Republican gift to donate for a door prize,
drop Mike or Sue an e-mail mikespeaks@knology.net

God Save America!