

# The TRUMPETER

A Newsletter ....  
Dedicated to party growth and the election of Republicans

October 2010

## Florida's Senate President

Next Meeting is ~~Wednesday~~ **Oct. 5th**

Next meeting we will be welcoming Jeff Atwater

Florida's Senate President. Jeff is running for Chief Financial Officer of Florida and has served in the State House and Senate.

Next Meeting

Tuesday

## The Devil's Dictionary – Debt – Voting

Ambrose Bierce (1842–1913) also known as “Bitter Bierce” was an American satirist and journalist who published a satirical book in 1911 titled “The Devil’s Dictionary.” In this satirical dictionary he makes reference to the word “debt” by stating: “Debt, n. An ingenious substitute for the chain and whip of the slave driver.” Note what he is saying; debt is a taskmaster that will shackle and brutally punish a person for life! No wonder Benjamin Franklin said: “He that goes a borrowing goes a sorrowing.”



That is another reason why we need to VOTE. People will on their own get into extreme debt, but government should set the example and be a leader by not participating in this vice. As mature voters we should not permit government to force debt on us through excessive taxation, spending of every manner and borrowing. This is why Thomas Jefferson warned: “I... place... public debt as the greatest of the dangers to be feared.” And when it comes to taxes the most famous U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice, John Marshall stated: “The power to tax is the power to destroy.”

In all levels of government there are programs and budgets created for the “so called” public good placing the government in control over us. Allegedly providing a better standard of living for its’ subjects, but here again we must always remember the nature of the beast. The government will always become a leviathan even if it has the best of intentions. That’s why it must be controlled and limited continually by the people. “There is scarce a King [government] in a hundred who would not, if he could, follow the example of Pharaoh: get first all the people’s money, then all their lands, and then make them and their children servants forever.” Benjamin Franklin

In the early 1800’s our government was advancing in the area of taxation which permitted Thomas Jefferson to be in such high spirits when he said in 1802 “...without a direct tax, without internal taxes and without borrowing... the emancipation of our posterity from that mortal canker [debt], it is an encouragement... of the highest order to proceed as we have begun in substitution economy for taxation.” Here is the principle, the government can prosper from the economy only as the people prosper from the economy and then government must still remain very limited. This limitation particularly applies to the Federal Government. Furthermore, power should mainly exist in the local and state governments. The reason is so that the citizens can have more control and it is always easier to kill a small monster (local government) then a large monster. The U.S. Constitution teaches us that the states should have control over most items.

Grover Norquist once said “Every time you cut programs, you take away a person who has a vested interest in high taxes and you put him on the tax rolls and make him a taxpayer. A farmer on subsidies is part welfare bum, whereas a free-market farmer is a small businessman with a gun.” We need to go back to a free-market system were the people can prosper on their own and then will become taxpayers.

Sincerely,  
Ken Parks



Our sincerest condolences go out to State Representative Seth

McKeel and his family for the loss of his father Seth “Doug” McKeel.



# September Meeting

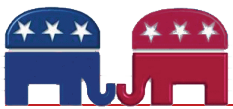


Dennis Ross speaks to the club on September 1st.

Our many thanks and appreciation go out to Dennis Ross for taking time out of his busy schedule to stop by and speak to the club this past month. Dennis is running for U.S. House of Representative District 12 and spoke about his 5 key points of Limited Government, Less Taxes, More Personal Responsibilities, Individual Freedoms and Empowered Families.

He also spoke about the enormous debt that we are taking on and how within just 6 months the Left has added 1 trillion dollars to it. Dennis informed us that for every dollar the government spends 46 cents is borrowed and that at some point in the future we would have to pay that debt but at a great price.

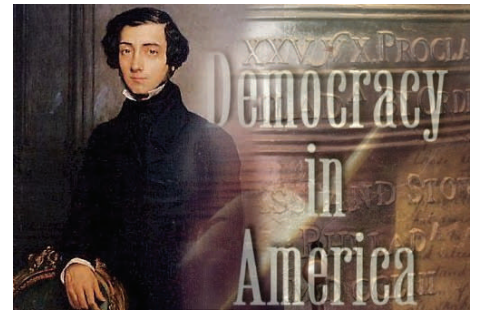
Dennis then reiterated the importance of elected Republicans to stick to their Conservative values. He said that people return to their base where they received their core values and that elected Republicans must do the same thing. Dennis said that our rights came from God and that we can fulfill our own prophecy through hard work and strong moral character.



## Party Unity



We were well reminded by our fellow Republicans during our September meeting the importance of *unity* within our party. John Hall, Lynn Wilson and Neil Combee all spoke on the subject and said that a vote for anyone other than the Republican candidate is a vote for the Democrat. If we are to win in November and again in 2012 we must put aside our differences and keep in mind that the person we agree with 90% of the time is a whole lot better than the one we disagree with all of the time.



*The American Republic will endure until the day Congress discovers that it can bribe the public with the public's money.*

*- Alexis de Tocqueville*

### Did You Know ...



62% of likely U.S. voters believe that no matter how bad things are Congress can always make them worse according to recent Rasmussen poll. And in generic Congressional Ballot polling Rasmussen found that Republicans are consistently holding a 9 to 12 point lead over Democrats.

Not since the 1960's have we seen a Congress like this one. When the Democrats took control in January 2007 the unemployment rate in the U.S. was at 4.6%, only 3.7% in Florida. And although the National Debt was a staggering 9 trillion dollars it had taken many years to get there. Since that time the Liberals in Washington have had a great time passing every bill they could think of that would get the government deeper into our back pockets and further into our lives.

The National Debt is now over 13.4 trillion dollars and is expected to pass 19 trillion by 2015. The obvious question to most people is how does Congress expect to pay for this new mountainous debt. The answer is simple; tax. Tax our income, tax our savings, tax our spending and tax us when we die.

Since Obama was elected Congress has passed 27 new tax increases. Tax increases that we will all have to pay. Democrats like to say that it will be paid for by the rich, as if that is somehow ok, but the truth is it will be paid for by us all through hidden fee's, luxury and fuel taxes. It is now time to give control back to the Republicans.

The Republicans currently in office recently came up with a new "Pledge To America" (<http://pledge.gop.gov>). In this pledge they outline their commitment to principles of smaller, **more accountable government; economic freedom; lower taxes; fiscal responsibility; protecting life, American values, and the Constitution.** We must win a majority in both the House and the Senate in November. If we do not this Congress and this White House will bankrupt this country, morally and financially.

**National Debt**  
**\$13,400,000,000,000**

**U.S. Unemployment**  
**9.6%**

**Florida Unemployment**  
**11.6%**

**Polk County Unemployment**  
**13.4%**



**"we have to pass the bill so you can find out what is in it..."**

**"Think of an economy where people could be an artist or a photographer or a writer without worrying about keeping their day job in order to have health insurance."**

VOTE

**NO LEFT TURN**

In a recent Rasmussen telephone survey of likely U.S. voters, only 25% of the people surveyed said they believed that the current policies of the government have put the United States on the right course. This is no surprise considering that we are not on a Right course at all, we are on a Left one and a sharp one at that. The Democrats took control of Congress in 2007 and have been steering us in the wrong direction ever since but it wasn't until



they gained control of the White House that the wheels started to come off. The Far Left is under the incorrect impression that America agrees with them and that we were just waiting for Liberals to come to power to free us from our Conservative captives. Nothing could be further from the truth as poll after poll has demonstrated. America is a Center Right country and will not stand by and let these few individuals from these Liberal states take us off the moral cliff.

**"If the people fail to vote, a government will be developed which is not their government..."**

**President John Calvin Coolidge**

**New Members**

This issue we welcome the following new members.

- Bud Ennis
- Shirley Whitney

**Republican Club of Lakeland Officers**

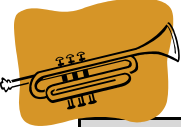
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The fate of good men [ & women ] who refuse to become involved in politics is to be ruled by evil men.  
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