



The TRUMPETER

A Newsletter
Dedicated to party growth and the election of Republicans

June 2011

State Representative Seth McKeel

Next Meeting

Next Meeting is
Wednesday June 1st



State Representative Seth McKeel joins us for our June meeting. Seth has served in the House since being elected in 2006 and will give us a legislative wrapup.

Dear Members,

The Republican Party of Florida held its quarterly meeting this past May 13th and 14th over in Orlando so I decided to go as a representative of Polk County. I think that it is important that we all try to attend events like this to keep us informed as to what is going on in our surrounding counties and the rest of the state.



Friday included district meetings during the day, an afternoon district Chairman meeting and a reception held that night. I was disappointed to see that our district, 12, did not hold a meeting as I would have liked to have attended. I would have also liked to have seen Polk county have a voice during the Chairman's meeting to ensure that our local concerns were heard.

Saturday went much better. During the opening session Governor Rick Scott spoke early in the meeting and brought up some very important issues that we should all be aware of. In his speech Gov. Scott stated that the Democrats are looking to win Florida in 2012 and have already made a huge push towards winning it.

Liberal groups like MoveOn.org have already entered the state and begun to influence elections. In fact, just this past month after 20 years of having a Republican Mayor, MoveOn.org helped Jacksonville elect a Democrat over a very popular Republican. MoveOn.org has also had members attend Town Hall meetings with the sole intent of disrupting Republicans.

Membership drives and candidate donations were two other important topics that Gov. Scott brought up. He stated that it is important that we get more people registered as Republicans and that we continue to support our representatives financially. Small donations of just \$5 and \$10 can make a huge difference.

For their part, Gov. Scott urged Florida elected officials to make themselves available at speaking engagements and fund raiser events in order to help local organizations raise funds. In this endeavor we would be able to help each other out. The elected official would be able to get some positive exposure and we would be able to raise some much needed cash for our local clubs and organizations.

Sincerely,

Bill Smalley



Membership Dues

Although most members have already paid their dues for 2011 we still have a few who haven't. If you are one of these please



May Meeting



County Manager Jim Freeman spoke to us during our May meeting. Mr. Freeman was hired last January by the County Commissioners after then County Manager Mike Herr resigned.

Mr. Freeman spoke about the shrinking amount of money the county has to spend on projects due to the drain of the recession and about the projects that have been put on hold because of it. He also spoke about the projects that have gone forward and explain the reasoning for those decisions.

See more at www.polk-county.net

\$14,300,000,000,000

Understanding The Size Of Our National Debt

So how much is a trillion dollars? I have heard it explained many ways but the one I like the best goes something like this:



If you were around when Jesus was born and started saving a million dollars a day, every day, until today you still wouldn't have a trillion dollars. That's a million dollars every day for over 2,000 years and you still would not even have one trillion dollars and we owe well over \$14 trillion. That is how much a trillion dollars is.

It is an absurdly large number which is why even scientist wouldn't use it in their equations. Instead they would switch it over to scientific notation. If we do that then we only owe $\$1.43 \times 10^{13}$. Now that isn't that much is it?

And for those of you who are curious as to what comes after a trillion; it's a quadrillion. But don't tell the Democrats.

Now That's A Great Idea

REFUND Act would allow states to help pay down the debt with unused funds.



In essence the REFUND Act would empower the states by allowing them to

A new billed introduced May 16th by U.S. Senator Marco Rubio called Returned Exclusively For Unpaid National Debt, or REFUND, would allow states to return unwanted federal funds to the Treasury to help pay down the national debt.

designate specific funds that they do not need so that they are not encouraged to continue wasteful spending but instead can send that money back to the Treasury Department.

U.S. Representative Denny Rehberg has already introduced a companion bill in the House.



What's The Real Cost?

With oil prices on the ever increasing rise it is important to know what this is really going to cost us. The Democrats and environmentalist love to point out that the increases in gas prices help to change consumer driving habits and thus reduce the amount of fuel we consume but it does much more than that. Increases in the price of oil drives up the cost of ever single thing we buy. That's because oil is not just used to power our cars. It is also used to make plastics, hoses, CD's, skis, tennis rackets, clothes, pillows, dishes and thousands of other every day items. So when you see the price of oil going up and hear the Democrats talking about the need to have electric cars remember that the oil they are talking about does much more than get us from here to there.

Did You Know ...

In a recent Gallup poll only 19% of people surveyed were in favor of raising the debt ceiling. In that same survey only 8% of Republicans were in favor of raising the ceiling, 70% opposed with 22% saying they did not know enough to say.





Focusing On Nutrition

Reflecting on his 100th day in office, Agriculture Commissioner, Adam Putnam listed expanding access to high-quality food in school cafeterias as being one of his top priorities. With the help of the state Legislature and the Healthy Schools for Healthy Lives Act, introduced this past session, the commissioner hopes to ensure school menus will offer more of Florida's fresh fruits and vegetables.

For more information on this and other important issues visit www.freshfromflorida.com.



RPOF Quarterly Meeting

The Republican Party of Florida held its quarterly meeting this past May. In attendance was Governor Rick Scott, Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll, CFO Jeff Atwater, Senate President Mike Haridopolos and many others. The focus of the meeting was on the importance of the 2012 elections and what we can do to ensure another winning year. This included such things as volunteer work, donating to candidates and getting out membership drives to enlarge our voting base.

During his speech, Gov. Scott said that all elected officials should make themselves available for fund raisers in order to help the party raise money and enthusiasm.

For more information on how you can get involved visit <http://rpf.org>



Michelle Robare, Dena DeCamp and others stand outside Representative McKeel's office to counter the union protest.

Countering A Protest

On May 10th UAW protestors organized outside of State Representatives Seth McKeel's office on South Florida Avenue. The protest didn't seem to be directed so much at Representative McKeel but more at Republicans in general and towards Governor Rick Scott.

Not to go unheard many Republicans from around the area converged on the scene to show their support for Seth and our other elected officials. It was a great display of support and one that we must continue to show.

Thank you to members of the Republican Women's Club, Republican Club of Lakeland, PCREC and others that showed up with signs in hand.



A Job Well Done!

Our state legislature did a great job this past session especially when you consider the massive shortfall in funds and the fact that our state has a required balance budget law. Some of the best bills passed were created by our very own representatives including the Adverse Possession Reform Bill presented by Senator Paula Dockery. This bill will help prevent abuses that have been taking place in Florida for some time. For more information on this and other positive state bills visit <http://www.flsenate.gov>



New Members

This issue we welcome the following new members:
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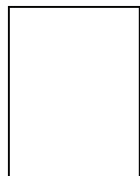
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The fate of good men [& women] who refuse to become involved in politics is to be ruled by evil men.
Edmund Burke



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