

The TRUMPETER

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

February 2012

U.S. Senate Candidate Mike McCalister

Next Meeting
Next Meeting is
Wednesday February 1st
 Please join us as we
welcome Retired
Colonel Mike
McCalister to the club
Wednesday February 1st.

Dear Members,

I can think of no other election in my lifetime that has been as important to the future of our country as this year's. Of course, I know the importance of Reagan's win over Jimmy Carter, and I hated to see Bill Clinton take over from George H.W. Bush after just one term, but there is so much more to this year's election than ever before.



This year, like none before it, we have in place a group of people that are so far to the left that they truly will stop at nothing short of complete socialism. From the Democrat controlled Senate to the President himself they all have a view that is so extreme that they themselves would think JFK was a conservative. To say this may sound extreme on my part but let's look at the facts.

President Obama has appointed more than 30 people to positions of power since he has been president. Each of these, non-elected, appointments all share his common view that the government's job is to run our lives. They do this through strict regulations of our private and business lives and that is nothing short of a move towards socialism. Socialism, by definition, is the opposite of capitalism and each and everyone of these people have shown in their actions that they are against capitalism. These individuals will do through mandates what Congress could not do through laws.

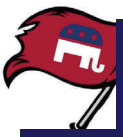
This insanity must be reversed and it must be reversed this year. I implore you to get involved this year. Make the time to get out into your community and defend the candidates that you think will do best for our country. If we do nothing then the Democrats win.

Grab a friend and get involved!

Sincerely,
Bill Smalley

 **GET OUT
AND VOTE!**

Florida's primary is Tuesday
January 31st so don't forget to
get out and vote.



January Meeting



If you missed January's meeting then you missed a great time with 95 of your fellow members. It was an exciting way to launch this election year. Dr. Alan Snyder, from Southeastern University, joined us with a presentation on each of the primary candidates. Going through each candidate, Dr. Snyder listed their own perceived positive attributes balanced with any of their perceived disadvantages. The presentation gave us all a chance to re-evaluate each one of them with an opportunity to reflect on why we liked the person and if we should give another look at one of the others. With Florida's primary coming at the end of this month there was no better way I could think of spending our time than with Dr. Snyder.

For more information on Dr. Snyder please visit his blog at <http://ponderingprinciples.com>



WHO NEEDS A BUDGET?

April 29th 2009 was the last time Congress had a budget and according to Harry Reid "it would be foolish" to pass one now. Since then we have increased our National Debt by over \$4 trillion, well surpassing \$15 trillion in total debt. Our interest payments alone now exceed \$200 billion a year and there is no end in sight. President Obama has asked for another increase of \$1.2 trillion and in the meantime they can't even agree to just \$1 trillion in cuts over 10 years.

The House Budget Committee Chairman, Paul Ryan (R-WI), proposed a budget that was promptly shot down by the Senate Democrats back in May of last year. A budget that was far from being conservative enough but it had no chance. Why? Because the Democrats in Washington don't want to have any kind of restrictions on entitlement spending. That spending, aside from being unconstitutional, is bankrupting the country. At the current rate of increase the National Debt is set to hit 344% of the Gross Domestic Product by 2050.

HEADQUARTERS ARE NOW OPEN!

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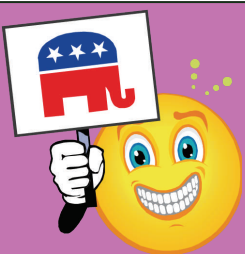
Mitt Romney
201 S. Tennessee Ave.
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BECOME A DELEGATE

On February 10th two delegates and two alternates will be selected to represent the 12th Congressional District at the National Convention. The meeting will be held at the County Commission Auditorium located at 330 W. Church St. in Bartow starting at 7pm. In order to be considered you must fill out the Loyalty Oath and return it to the Republican Party of Florida no later than noon on February 4th. The oath must be notarized and it is suggested that you send it via FedEx or other traceable means.

For the form, a list of the rules and procedure and additional information please visit www.RPOF.org.



Did You Know ...

In a recent Rasmussen Florida survey Newt Gingrich lead Mitt Romney 41% to 32%. When matched up to Obama in a potential 2012 election Obama was 46% to Romney's 43% while Gingrich lead Obama 48% to 41%.

WHY ARE WE SO DUMB?



Why are we so dumb? I mean can't we see that Socialism is the only way to fix our broken constitution? I'd like to ask Newsweek why Obama was so dumb to pick Joe Biden as his Vice President. Biden has well passed the occasional gaff and moved right into plain stupidity.

Newsweek's apparent assumption is that because, in their opinion, our country was already so messed up, and because Bush made so many bad decisions, that it is only natural that it would take President Obama more than three years to turn things around.

The problem with their report though is that they are not looking at the facts. The facts are that President Obama's priorities never included the economy until this past year. From day one he and his appointed czars started focusing their



efforts on making changes to the environmental and entitlement programs in what was an incorrect belief that no matter how crippling their restrictions were our economy would recover. How wrong they were! But what can you expect from the same group of people that made the Occupy Protestors "Person of the Year".

	Obama Takes Office	Today
Unemployed Americans	12.0 Million	13.1 million
Unemployment Rate	7.80%	8.50%
Gas Prices	\$1.85	\$3.39
Federal Debt	\$10.6 Trillion	\$15.2 trillion
Debt Per Person	\$34,731	\$48,699
College Tuition	\$6,591	\$8,244
Health Ins Cost	\$3,354	\$4,129
Food Stamp Recipients	32 Million	46 million
Americans In Poverty	39.8 Million	46.2 million
Home Values	\$169,700	\$147,800
U.S. Global Competitiveness	1st	5th



NIGHT MEETINGS

Due to member requests, and scheduling requirements by some of our speakers, we are going to have two night meetings coming up. These meetings will be in place of our day meetings. Both will be held at Joshua's Kitchen located at 2020 Shepherd Rd. Mulberry Fl. 33860.

Wednesday April 4th 6pm: Former Senator and Candidate for the U.S. Senate George Lemieux.
Thursday May 3rd 6pm: Florida's CFO Jeff Atwater.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

This month we welcome the following new members:

AeRim Kim	Kathy Fritz	Valeria Jorn
Bill Galvano	Ray Dimbath	
Joe Childs	Russell Janutolo	

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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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