Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 17, 2008
General Meeting
INSTALLATION
OF OFFICERS
Eaglebrooke
Make reservations by 1/14

Thursday, January 24, 2008
Polk Republican Executive Committee
7PM County Commission Auditorium in Bartow

Tuesday, January 29, 2008
VOTE!!

Tuesday, February 5, 2008
Board Meeting
All Members Invited!

Thursday, February 21, 2008
General Meeting
Eaglebrooke
Make reservations by 2/18

March 2–4
Tallahassee Days
Florida Federation of Republican Women and Opening of Session for State Legislature

Our Meeting this Month . . .

New Officer Installation

Please join us as the new officers are installed.
You’ll see many new faces this year!

Our new officers are:

President: Kelli Stargel
1st Vice President: Linda Ivell
2nd Vice President: Dena StebbinsDeCamp
3rd Vice President: Kim Jones
Recording Secretary: Michelle Robare
Corresponding Secretary: Rose Spurlock
Treasurer: Sissy (Long) Black
Assistant Treasurer: Kay Cobb

Our guest speaker will be Senator Paula Dockery. The Senator will also swear in the new officers.

Meeting Menu
Chicken Marsala w/ vegetables or Salad
$16/person
Call Dena Stebbins DeCamp 644-1110

Newsletter via Email
If you would like to receive your newsletter via email instead of postal mail, please let Kim know by sending a note to joneskh@tampabay.rr.com.

Not only is this environmentally friendly, it would greatly help us reduce the costs of printing and postage! You’ll also get your copy of the newsletter sooner!

The ladies enjoy the band at Senator Paula Dockery's Wild Game Dinner last November. L-R: Teresa Olinger, Cindy Ross, Senator Paula Dockery, Betty Rust.
Bunko & Stuffed Purse Auction

You’re Invited!
Tuesday, February 12, 2008 @ 7:00pm

St. John Neumann Catholic Church
501 E. Carter Road, Lakeland, FL

Prizes for Highest Score, Lowest Score, Most Wins, Most Losses, etc., etc., etc.
No Previous Bunko Experience Necessary!

Tickets: $15 each. Mail check to PO Box 7123, Lakeland, FL 33807
Payable to RWC of Lakeland

We need each member to sell 2 tickets—just pick them up at the next meeting. This is a fun evening for all, and a wonderful idea originating from the Northwest Orange RWC…. We only copy from the VERY best!!!
Questions? Call Grace DiMotta (648-0968)

Meet Dena
As your new 2nd Vice President, let me introduce myself. My name is Dena Stebbins DeCamp and I’m married to Dr. Nelson DeCamp. I’ve lived in Lakeland since the mid 60’s, just another transplanted northerner. I owned Helen’s Uniforms, Inc. for 18 years before finally leaving the store and starting a custom embroidery business out of our house in Eaglebrooke. I am a lifelong republican, having always understood that working hard, being honest and compassionate will bring great rewards in this life and after. I’ve participated on the fringes of our club for years. Attending some functions, volunteering during election time, etc. I never became totally involved in the club, getting to know the members. I can see now that I should have been more involved. I’m thrilled over the friendly, warm reception I’ve received over this last year as I started attending the luncheons every month. I hope when you attend a luncheon and meet a new member, you will make them feel as welcome as I have felt over this last year. That is how we keep them coming back and that is how we encourage them to participate.

Our first board meeting was incredibly long, but filled with lots of ideas for making 2008 a banner year. One of the ideas presented will be a drawing at each luncheon of all the members that have paid their dues for the current year. All paid up members will have their name put into a hat. The name drawn at the luncheon will get her lunch free. You MUST be present to win. Each month, as members pay their dues, there will be more names in the hat, so pay your dues early.

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25th Anniversary
Spring for Education
Dinner & Fashion Show

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The Republican Women’s Club of Lakeland Federated

At The Club at Eaglebrooke On March 20, 2008

Silent Auction Viewing & Social at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm

Fashions by Babe’s and Jos. A. Bank

Co-Chairs:
Lou McCraney (863) 644-3496
Cathy Phillips (863) 644-2000

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Other Contributors
Listed in program
2007 Christmas Celebration at Lone Palm Country Club

Cathy Phillips & Lou McCraney present flowers and a gift to Ann Suden, our 2007 Volunteer of the Year.

Lou McCraney, Ron Parks, Senator Paula Dockery, Eugene Roberts & Lynne Breidenbach

Ron Parks, Eugene Roberts & Michael Dunn

Ana Wood, Senator Paula Dockery & Marsha Faux-Shields

Melony Bell & Lynn Breidenbach

Our new officers: Kelli Stargel, Dena Stebbins DeCamp, Kim Jones, Rose Spurlock & Kay Cobb
Dear Lakeland Republican Women,

Happy New Year! And what an exciting year this is going to be. As we start this year with a new board, (and I mean new, only three of the eight members of the board have ever served on the board of the RWC of Lakeland in the past), and have lots of fresh ideas as well as many challenges before us. For the first time since 1952 we are about to have a Presidential Election where neither the incumbent President nor Vice President are running. Florida’s Presidential preference primary will be earlier this year than in the past. Since our state is more representative of the nation than the other early primary states all eyes will be on us. We have a wonderful slate of Republican men to choose from and I hope you will take the time to get very involved. We need to inform our voters of the new primary date and make sure they VOTE REPUBLICAN.

I realize there is a slight chance that your preferred presidential candidate will not get the party’s nomination. Please make the commitment now to get behind which ever candidate wins. ANY OF OUR REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES IS BETTER THAN A DEMOCRAT!! Please join me in a pledge to support the party ticket.

Also on our January 29th ballot will be the Property Tax Constitutional Revision. We have had Marsha Faux speak to our club on numerous occasions about this subject so you should all be very informed. If you still have questions, you can get more information about “Amendment 1” at WWW.PolkPA.Org and read the section entitled “How Will You Vote?”. In addition to the presidential election, we will be working on many local races as well. Starting the 2008 Election events is Congressman Adam Putnam. RWC is on the host committee of a reception honoring Congressman Putnam on Saturday, January 19, 2008. Details of the event are in your newsletter. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We need to show Congressman Putnam that we are ready, willing and able to make sure he gets re-elected. As the third ranking Republican in Congress, he has done a wonderful job serving our county and we must keep him in Washington. If you cannot donate your money, please be willing to donate your time so this fundraiser will be a success and we can show that Republican Women can be depended upon.

I would also like to express my gratitude to our outgoing board members Lou McCraney, Cathy Phillips, Eileen Regan, Ann Suden and Ann Wolfe. You have dedicated many years of service to this club and it has not gone unnoticed. Without you this club would not be what it is today. Your leadership through the years has been remarkable. I appreciate your wisdom as we pass the torch to the incoming board members Kay Cobb, Dena DeCamp, Kim Jones, Sissy Long-Black, and Michelle Robare. Thank you also to our wonderful Past President and now 1st Vice President Linda Ivell and correspondence secretary Rose Spurlock for continuing to serve another term with me. Although Linda has been elected as President of the Florida Federation of Republican Women, I know she will make sure that this year our scrapbook gets first place!!

As I said at the beginning of this letter, it’s going to be an exciting year!

Kelli Stargel
President
Thank you for your loyalty and extra support!

In addition to our regular membership dues of $35 annually, the following individuals support the club as Saints ($100 annually) and Angels ($50 annually)

**SAINTS**
- Faye Beyer
- Dena Stebbins DeCamp
- Paula Dockery
- Brandi Dunn
- Linda Ivell
- Lou McCraney
- Kimberly McKee
- Betty Rust
- H Paul Senft
- Marsha Faux Shields
- Mary Zimmerman
- Cicely Anderson

**ANGELS**
- Jan Barlow
- Debbie Bennett
- Carol Berry
- Sissy Long Black
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- Isabel Cumming
- Carol Davis
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- Linda Logan
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- Cathy Phillips
- Sally Putnam
- Hazel Sellers
- Paul Senft
- Rose Spurlock
- Jeannie Stevenson
- Fran Umstadler
- Lisa Weathersbee
- Doris Ann Wolfe

Welcome!

**New Member:**
Alice Gonzales Dockery

**New Associate Members:**
Brian Dockery, Brian Jones, Barbara Nash

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Happy Birthdays!

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DUES Are DUE!

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**Newsletter Deadline**

Deadline for photos, articles and information to go in the next Newsletter is the Last Day of each month. Please send to:

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Subject: RWC Newsletter

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Join Rudy 2008

Emily Cornell and Molly Donlin have secured a permanent phone bank location beginning Jan 7th at 4404 S Florida Ave, Unit #24. They hope to be there several times a week making phone calls and would like your help! To volunteer, please contact Emily at 646-943-7837 or 347-583-9527 or emilycornell@joinrudy2008.com.
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