

# REPUBLICAN CLUB

OF MARTIN COUNTY

P.O. BOX 142, STUART, FL 34995

*“Get interested, Get educated, Get involved”*

OCTOBER 2011

*Join us on  
Thursday,  
October 13th, 11:45 AM*  
**Finz Restaurant**  
**4290 Salerno Road**

## October Speaker:

“Come hear discussion on the  
Setting of the Presidential Primary  
Date and its effect on delegate loss”

## *From The Club President*

*Michael Neiber*



Folks, there is just too much to comment on here in the space allowed. But I will try. Presidency 5. A great event that successfully got people enthused and riled at the same time. The debate was significant in that some of the participants did less than expected, some did the same, and some excelled. The winner was Herman Cain, who had the historic, euphoric high of about 15 minutes. The press immediately came out and pontifically said, “What are the Republicans going to do now”? Also, Mr. Cain experienced an immediate battering to knock him off the lofty pedestal of the win. Why in the world would we allow the media dictate to us on who we wish to elect? Whether you agree or disagree with Mr. Cain, please allow him his due as he is putting himself out there, trying to convey a message that he feels is important enough, even in light of his vilification. The message was apparently appreciated by many of the attendees. One of those messages may be that the “Inside the Beltway Republicans”, who negotiated through many years, incrementally maneuvered their way into our current position. The only reasonable response is to push back in drastic measures to get back on a sustainable track, a track that the media can only condemn as they were complicit in allowing it to happen in the first place.

Now, just as important, we had many of our own Club Members in attendance to show their support as well as getting an education, an education that can only be appreciated while being there. Would you rather watch football on TV or go to the game?

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## From The Office of Congressman Tom Rooney

Two and a half years after Congress passed the \$830 billion stimulus plan, unemployment remains above nine percent nationally and above 10 percent in Florida. People in our state and across the country are still asking, "Where are the jobs?"

President Obama recently proposed a new, \$447 billion stimulus package. Like the first stimulus plan, this proposal includes billions of dollars for new spending programs and bailouts for state governments. He has asked Congress to pay for this plan with \$1.5 trillion in permanent tax increases. However, he has not adequately explained how this stimulus will succeed when the first stimulus failed to meet its stated goal of keeping unemployment below eight percent. Americans need jobs, and we can't afford to repeat the mistakes of the past.

Small business owners I talk to in Florida are looking for a new approach to get Washington out of the way and let private sector job creators put Americans back to work. I am committed to finding common ground and creating an environment where small businesses can grow and hire new workers. I hope that we can get to work quickly on these common sense proposals:

**1) Eliminate burdens on small businesses.** Unnecessary federal regulations take billions of dollars out of our economy and cost us much-needed jobs. Yet the Obama Administration has proposed 4,257 new regulations according to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), which estimates that 219 of these new mandates would cost more than \$100 million each to implement. OMB estimates that the seven most expensive will cost more than \$1 billion apiece, and as much as \$100 billion total. By repealing many of the costliest, most unnecessary mandates and requiring Congressional approval for new regulations, we can get the federal government off the backs of small businesses, letting them grow and create jobs.

**2) Fix the tax code.** The complexity and uncertainty of the tax code makes small business owners think twice about hiring new workers. We should enact tax code reform to eliminate most loopholes and deductions, and replace them with permanent reductions in tax rates. A flatter tax code would allow small businesses to grow and compete on a level playing field. Permanent tax relief would increase demand by putting more money in the pockets of American families, while giving job creators the certainty they need to hire new workers.

**3) Expand domestic energy production.** Producing more energy here at home would not only create jobs right away in the energy sector, it would also reduce costs for American families and businesses. With lower energy costs, businesses would have more capital to grow and hire new workers, while consumers would have more money in their wallets.

We've tried the stimulus approach and seen the results. We need a new, pro-growth agenda that focuses on relief from costly mandates, permanent tax code reforms, and real spending cuts. Short-term, government-centered fixes are not the solution.

*Tom Rooney*  
U.S. Congressman



*Mike Neiber, Club President, sitting with September speakers: Laurel Kelly, Property Appraiser and Vicki Davis, Supervisor of Elections.*

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## A Message from Our Tax Collector, Ruth Pietruszewski

### New Tax Distribution Program-*Saving Taxpayer's Hard-Earned Dollars*

One of our greatest accomplishments this year was automating our tax distribution process to increase efficiencies and provide better quality services.

Taxing Authorities rely on timely distributions for their respective operations. It is incumbent upon our office to provide the most efficient distribution possible. In the past, distribution reports were prepared manually on spreadsheets. Preparation for distribution was time consuming and often required hours and even days to create and balance one single distribution.

Our team's solution was to write a new software application that would create a distribution report at the click of a mouse. We accomplished this by using an application development process broken into seven phases; define the application, analyze the requirements, design the solution, validate the design, implement design, test, and document the solution. Development included a logical plan, flowcharts, and class diagrams. Storyboards were used to design user input areas, output areas, and other necessary elements.

Now completed, we can create the new reports by initially assigning a distinct numeric office account number for each taxing district/fund code. The numbering allows us to group fund codes into their respective reports. Then, as the tax receipts accumulate, the new application queries the tax database and prints both current-year and prior-year distribution reports for county general services, non-county entities, and schools all at the click of a mouse.

Reports show collections, fees, and amounts distributed. We can also view and print summarizations of distributions based on date range and fund codes. This allows us to summarize payments made to each Taxing Authority for any given date range or tax year. The newly completed comprehensive application will save our government operations hundreds and hundreds of hours every year, and since time is money, it will help lower the costs of our government.

We have continued to create and implement solutions that deliver repeated long-term savings to taxpayers. I am honored and privileged to serve as your Tax Collector, and once again, please let me express how thankful I am for being given the opportunity to serve you in this role.

*Ruth Pietruszewski*  
*Martin County Tax Collector*

## From the Florida House

I am recently back from our first "Committee Week". It seems clear from my early observation that the big issues in the 2012 Session will be court reform, tenure for university professors, destination gambling, PIP reform, sovereign immunity for Medicaid doctors, and immigration. Of course redistricting and balancing the state's budget are constitutionally-mandated responsibilities and they will be in the forefront of the Session. If you have thoughts or input regarding these or any other issues, I would love to hear from you.

*William D. Snyder*  
*State Representative, District 82*

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## From Our Supervisor of Elections, Vicki Davis

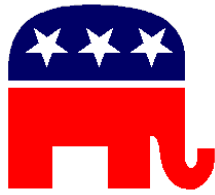
A Presidential Preference Primary Date Selection Committee, as established by the Florida Legislature, has now confirmed January 31, 2012 as the date Florida will hold the Presidential Preference Primary. The finalization of this date gives supervisors and staff four months to complete preparations for this upcoming election. Staff is busy finalizing the master election calendar, polling location contracts, recruitment and training of poll workers, and educating voters.

Also, preparations are currently underway for the City of Stuart's upcoming municipal election on November 8th. All registered voters residing within the City of Stuart will receive a mailing containing information regarding their new polling location.

Candidate training workshops are currently being conducted. All candidate training manuals were recently updated to reflect current election laws. Trainings are being offered to all local candidates and campaign workers in preparation for the upcoming 2012 election cycle. The training workshops are offered at no charge. The following two classes are scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to noon; and, Wednesday, November 2, 2011, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

As your Supervisor of Elections, I consider it a privilege to serve each and every one of you. Staff and I are committed to doing everything possible to ensure you are well informed on all elections related information. If there is anything we can do to better assist you, please let me know.

*Vicki Davis*  
*Martin County Supervisor of Elections*



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If interested, please contact Mike Neiber, President, Republican Club of Martin County:

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**11:30 AM to 1:15 PM**

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