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## Message from Chairman J C Martin

Hello Patricia McCann,

*I'd love to save the world  
but I don't know what to do  
so, I'll leave it up to you*

I heard these lyrics on a classic rock station on my way home from attending the Republican Party of Florida Winter Quarterly in Tallahassee earlier this month. And even though they are from a song made popular by 10 Years After in 1971, they still reflect the sentiment many people express to me today.

I'm often asked by faithful Republicans who are fed up with the disastrous Biden-Harris administration, government overreach, reckless spending and RINOs; What can I do? I'm just one person. or What's the party doing to save us?

My answers is; You have more power than you think. Everyone can contribute either their time, talent or treasure. The time to sit back and wait for someone else to save you is long since past. If we are to save our country from the socialist / communist path the Democrats currently have us on we must ACT now in 2022.

At our January REC meeting I'll be speaking on the 4 corner stones of our 2022 Take Back America strategy. We have a role for everybody to play in saving our Republic. Come and learn what opportunities are available. "Be the change you want to see".

Our monthly REC meetings will return in January. Meetings will start at 6:30PM, but at a new location: **Champions Church. 1801 Havendale Blvd NW, Winter Haven.** [Click here to see a map.](#)

Republican Club Presidents please forward this newsletter to your club membership.

Happy New Year!

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'JC' in a stylized, cursive font.

JC Martin

Chairman  
Republican Party of Polk County

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## Polk Republican Christmas Party

On the evening of December 16, it was a great night to be a Republican in Polk County! The Annual Christmas Party co-hosted by the Polk County Republican Party, The Republican Club of Lakeland, and Republican Women's Club of Lakeland was held at Grasslands Golf and Country Club in Lakeland.

Attorney General Ashley Moody was the featured speaker. Also speaking were Brian Haas - State Attorney, Joe Gruters - RPOF Chairman and State Senator, Scott Franklin - US House District 15, and J C Martin - Polk GOP Chairman. James Ring - President of the Republican Club of Lakeland was master of ceremonies.

Other elected officials in attendance were Melony Bell - FL House District 56, Josie Tomkow - FL House District 39, Colleen Burton - FL House District 40, Martha Santiago - Polk County Commissioner District 4, George Lindsey - Polk County Commissioner District 1, Phillip Walker - Lakeland City Commissioner District A: NW and FL House candidate.

Jennifer Canaday - FL House candidate, Terry Clark - Polk School Board District 5 candidate and Retired Navy Cmd. Demetris Grimes - potential US House candidate.

We also want to thank RCL member Linda Logan for securing the Grasslands venue free of charge.

It was a fun evening of good food and fellowship to celebrate the birth of our Lord and a successful 2021. And a great kick off to the very important 2022 elections. Red Wave coming as we take back our country!



## 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW: JOE BIDEN'S CASCADING DOMESTIC CATASTROPHES

*In one year, Biden has caused a border crisis, an energy crisis, an inflation crisis, a labor crisis, a supply chain crisis, and a violent crime crisis—all while pushing the most radical left-wing agenda in history.*

***THE MOST ANTI-WORKER, ANTI-FAMILY, ANTI-AMERICA PRESIDENT EVER:*** *Joe Biden inherited the most secure border in history, the fastest economic recovery on record, historically low gas prices, hard-won American Energy Independence, a domestic manufacturing renaissance, and a nation poised to flourish like never before—all thanks to the America-First agenda of President Trump. It took less than 12 months for Biden and the extremists in his party to turn it all into crisis, chaos, misery, and woe. It's no wonder Biden is ending his first year with his approval ratings tanking to an all-time record low.*

**Even the media cannot cover up his dismal record of unrelenting failure:**

- Inflation is the highest in nearly 40 years—decimating the wages and incomes of hardworking Americans.
- Gas prices have risen nearly 50% from one year ago.
- America's southern border is GONE—with 2+ million illegal aliens flooding into the U.S. this year—the most ever recorded by far.
- Democrat-run cities across the country are hitting ALL-TIME HIGHS in *murders and violent crime*.
- Mass smash-and-grab robberies and lootings are taking place in cities and suburbs nationwide.
- Biden is pushing \$5+ TRILLION in socialist spending bills crammed with nation-wrecking left-wing lunacy.
- Biden's Radical Democrat Party is forcing CRT into our children's schools, shoving male athletes onto women's sports teams, pushing woke racism into our military, tearing down statues of Thomas Jefferson, desecrating our history, dismantling



basic election-integrity measures, and breaking decades of precedent to use taxpayer dollars to fund late-term abortion and infanticide.

**It's all happening exactly as President Trump predicted. Joe Biden is a DISASTER.**

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**Join us for our first-ever  
volunteer training workshop!**

Are you interested in volunteering for one of CCDF-USA's three divisions: education, election integrity, or finance accountability? This training is for you!

The purpose of this training is to get you involved in Polk County as a patriot and activist serving where your talents are most effective.

REGISTER TODAY! Join us for our first-ever volunteer training workshop!

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Hello Friend,

Welcome to my e-newsletter, the Ready Room. As a retired Naval Aviator, the Ready Room is special to me because it's where fellow aviators meet to brief and debrief missions. This is my weekly briefing to you on my mission in Congress. Please follow me on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#) for regular updates on how my team and I are working to serve you in Congress.

#### **Franklin & Congressional App Challenge Winner, Varun Patel**

The Congressional App Challenge (CAC) is an effort to inspire STEM, coding, and computer science education. Last week, I was pleased to announce our FL-15 winner, Varun Patel, a Junior at Strawberry Crest High School. His app is Py-iMessenger, an iMessage chatbot that allows users to execute various functions through text messaging. Congratulations, and keep up the great work! The winners are invited to showcase their winning app to Congress during our annual House of Code festival. For students interested in competing next year, please click [here](#).  
Protecting our Afghanistan Allies from the Taliban

#### **Marines and the Danish mentor team with Afghan National Army soldiers**

In the seven months since Joe Biden withdrew our military personnel from Afghanistan, [reports](#) of Americans and allies still stuck in the country continue to come out. Thousands of Afghans who assisted the United States military are being hunted by the Taliban. More than 17,000 Afghans who worked with U.S. forces have applied for visas, but bureaucratic delays plague the program. I joined several of my House colleagues in writing a letter to the State Department urging our government to do all we can to help those Afghans who fought side by side with American's.

Read the letter [here](#).

Constituent Corner

### **1045 IRS form, calculator, pen, piggy bank, and glasses**

Jessica S. is a constituent from Clermont. She was not receiving her Child Tax Credit payments and had trouble accessing her IRS portal. After several unsuccessful attempts to contact the IRS, Jessica reached out for help. Our office contacted the Taxpayer Advocate Service to help her receive the Child Tax Credit payments the IRS owed her. If you need assistance with a government agency, please call my Lakeland office at (863) 644-8215 or visit my website at [franklin.house.gov](http://franklin.house.gov).

### **Test Your Knowledge #CivicsWithScott!**

When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?

- a. 1619
- b. 1776
- c. 1969
- d. 1791

### **Last Week's Question**

Who was President during World War I?

- a. Woodrow Wilson - Correct Answer
- b. William McKinley
- c. Benjamin Harrison
- d. Lyndon B. Johnson

I'm honored to represent you in Congress. For more information on constituent services, current legislation and to sign up for my e-newsletter, please visit my website at [franklin.house.gov](http://franklin.house.gov).

Best regards,

C. Scott Franklin

Member of Congress



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The Republican  
Liberty Caucus of  
Florida is serious  
about Election  
Integrity! This  
billboard, paid for by the RLCCEF, just went up  
in Tallahassee



The sign was installed for all to see in Tallahassee. "**One Person One Vote** is the foundation upon which our Constitutional Republic rests. We want Governor DeSantis to know that we will support him if he calls for an audit, and we want him to support legislation requiring an audit" said Bob White, President of RLC Florida.

**House Bill 99** by Representative Anthony Sabatini does exactly that. HB 99 calls for the Governor to appoint an independent 3<sup>rd</sup> party to conduct a Forensic Audit of the 2020 Florida election results.

Please click on the links below to email Governor DeSantis , Speaker Sprowls of the House and Representative Perez, Chairman of the Public Integrity and Elections Committee to let them know you support HB99. Write "Schedule HB 99 in Committee" on the subject line. Then in your own words tell them why you support Election Integrity and why you want this bill to be heard and passed. Below is a sample email you could also use:

**Dear Gov. DeSantis or Speaker Sprowls or Rep Perez:**  
**Please sign/approve bill HB99 when it is presented to you. The corruption surrounding our previous election is absolutely astounding and unacceptable. Enough with capitulating to all the masterful Democrat Deception. We need to start by standing tall, brave and courageous and take back our Republic!!**  
Sincerely,

Just click on this email addresses:  
(850) 717-9337

[GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com)



This bill has been referred to the Public Integrity and Elections Committee. Representative Daniel Perez is the Chairman of the Committee. Representative Chris Sprowls is the Speaker of the Florida House. Email them and tell them you want this bill heard in committee!

Just click on both email addresses:  
[Daniel.Perez@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Daniel.Perez@myfloridahouse.gov)  
[Chris.Sprows@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Chris.Sprows@myfloridahouse.gov)

You can also call them to make your views known on this critical issue:  
Chris Sprowls – District Office (727) 793-2810  
Tallahassee (850) 717-5065  
Daniel Perez – District Office (305) 442-6800  
Tallahassee (850) 717-5116

Please share this with your friends and other organizations you belong to. Thank you for your support on this critical issue!

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## **Biden re-election poll shows dismal 22% support; Harris even worse at 12%**

The numbers are cringeworthy – That’s the support for President Biden and his VP Kamala Harris in an I&I/TIPP poll that asked "who would you vote for in the 2024 election"? Even if you doubt the veracity of all this polling, these are poor numbers.

The only good news for Biden, the survey adds, is “no favorite has emerged among the large field of potential challengers to run against Biden in the 2024 primaries.”

But the sinking survey results are not out of the norm. A Wall Street Journal poll out Tuesday pegged Biden’s approval rating at a dismal 41%. Rasmussen had it at 42%.

Congress, however, was at 22% in the Journal poll, but that’s another story.

“It’s undeniable. Joe Biden is hurting in the polls right now and it’s due to a number of factors,” said Erin O’Brien, associate professor of political science at UMass Boston.

[Click here to continue reading article](#)

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## **Nikole Hannah-Jones Doesn't Understand 'The Idea That Parents Should Decide' What Schools Teach**

**The 1619 Project author thinks Terry McAuliffe had it right.**



Nikole Hannah-Jones is a New York Times journalist and architect of the 1619 Project, a Pulitzer Prize-winning series of articles that recontextualizes the central roles that slavery and racism played in America's founding. Those articles are now being taught in some public schools, even though numerous critics of the project have raised questions about very basic factual issues in some of the pieces.

Perhaps it should come as no surprise, then, that Hannah-Jones is uncomfortable leaving curriculum decisions to people who are not district officials and would thus be less inclined to teach her work. In a recent interview on Meet the Press, Hannah-Jones confessed that she did not "understand this idea that parents should decide what's being taught."

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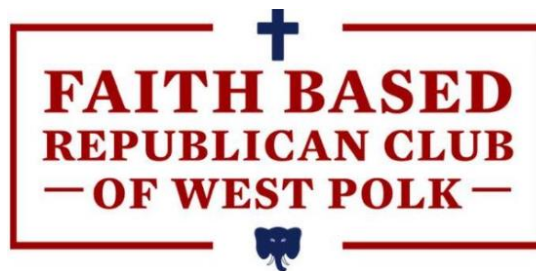
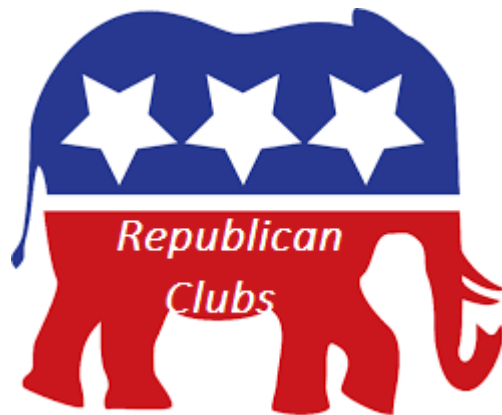


## **These are the 14 RINOs led by McConnell that joined all Democrats to increase the Debt Ceiling.**

Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Joni Ernst of Iowa, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, Susan Collins of Maine, Roger Wicker of Mississippi, Roy Blunt of Missouri, Thom Tillis of North Carolina, Richard Burr of North Carolina, Rob Portman of Ohio, John Thune of South Dakota, John Cornyn of Texas, Mitt Romney of Utah, Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia and John Barrasso of Wyoming

Thank you Senators Rubio and Scott for standing strong !!!

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**Save the date for the Defend Freedom Rally. The Rally is scheduled for January 29, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Medulla Baptist Church located at 3930 Old Road 37 in Lakeland.**

This will be a family friendly event and will feature Rick Green of Patriot Academy. Rick is a former Texas state representative. While in office, he realized how little even he knew about the founding of our country and the Constitution. Rick partnered with David Barton of Wallbuilders USA and launched Patriot Academy 15 years ago to train young leaders to be effective champions for founding principles in every area of the nation. and they hold the program in state capitols across America. They have also developed exciting and interesting online curriculum such as "Constitution Alive" and "Biblical Citizenship". We have also invited many local leaders who will encourage us to get involved in our community.

It will be an exciting day with family activities and food trucks. Please put this on your calendar. You will come away encouraged!

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## January Meeting Republican Club of Lakeland and Officer Elections

We are delighted to welcome **Anthony Sabatini**, the State Representative for District 32 and a 2022 Congressional Candidate, to speak at our January 5, 2022, meeting. Our gracious thanks to Representative Sabatini for accepting our offer.

In addition to hearing from Representative Sabatini, don't forget that during our January meeting, we will hold **officer elections**. In order to vote in elections, you must be present at the meeting with your annual dues fully paid by January 1, 2022.

We currently have one candidate declared for each of the four officer positions:

- President: Charles Hardage
- Vice-President: Nathan Register
- Secretary: Hardam Tripathi
- Treasurer: Rich Cupolo

If you would like to be a candidate, please let us know before January 1, 2022 by email to [lakelandgop@gmail.com](mailto:lakelandgop@gmail.com) or by notifying a current officer. In order to run for office, you must be a member of the RCL by January 1, 2022 with dues current by that date.

### Meeting Time and Date

Wednesday, January 5, 2022  
11:30am-1:00pm



Cleveland Heights Golf Club  
2900 Buckingham Avenue, Lakeland, FL 33803

Optional Lunch: \$20 for members and guests

RSVP for the January Monthly Meeting today at <https://lakelandgop.com>. Lunch reservations must be made no later than Thursday, December 28.

Reminder: If you RSVP for lunch, you are responsible for payment even if you do not attend the meeting.

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**The January meeting of our Lake Ashton Republican Club will be held on Wednesday, January 26 at 4PM in the LA Clubhouse ballroom. Social time begins at 3:30PM.**

Our featured speaker will be J C Martin, Chairman of the Polk County Republican Executive Committee. JC will be speaking on the 4 corner stones of our 2022 Take Back America strategy. He will also conduct our officer elections.

A new year brings **new leadership** for our club. A new slate of officers will be presented and elected at our January meeting. If you would like to serve or if you know someone who you think would make a great leader, please send your nomination to me at [jvelebir@att.net](mailto:jvelebir@att.net).

Only members in good standing, i.e. 2022 dues are paid up, can vote. For your convenience you can bring your 2022 dues checks (\$25 for an individual, \$40 for a couple) to the meeting check-in table if you like.

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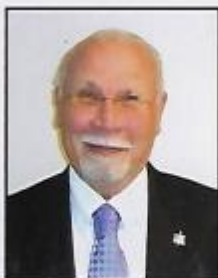
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things we cannot change.  
It is now time to change  
the things we cannot accept.**

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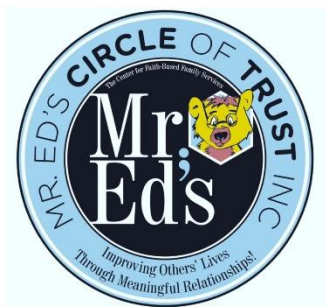
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**1800 6th St NW, Winter Haven, FL, Contact: Glynnda White, Event Director**



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