

### *From Our President*

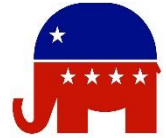
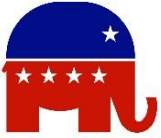
The House of Representatives just elected Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress. According to Congressman Gaetz, we now have a House of Representatives that will be the fighting force to hold the Biden administration accountable.

Matt Gaetz and others fought hard to obtain agreements from leadership to have real representation within the Republican Conference on both the Rules & Appropriations Committees.

The new Rules package includes the following:

- Any single member can now offer a "motion to vacate the chair."
- Select subcommittee to investigate the "weaponization of the federal government."
- Reinstating the "Holman Rule." The measure allows amendments to appropriations bills to slash the salaries of or fire specific federal employees or cut specific programs.
- Votes on Energy, Abortion, and IRS Funding Bills.
- "Cut-as-you-go" Rule which prohibits consideration of legislation that has the net effect of increasing mandatory spending within a five-year or 10-year budget window.
- Vote on the debt limit.
- Cap spending at fiscal year 2022 levels.
- Members are now able to read legislation 72 hours before adoption.
- Bills must have a single subject to avoid a reoccurrence of another omnibus spending bill.
- Placement of two strong conservatives on the Rules Committee.
- Guaranteed floor votes on a border security bill.
- Guaranteed floor votes on a term-limit bill.
- Club for Growth has gotten a promise that the Congressional Leadership Fund will no longer spend in open-seat, safe Republican primaries.
- Consideration of 12 separate Appropriations bills on the House Floor with separate votes for earmarks included in each bill.
- Return of "open rules" for federal spending bills.

Matt is setting forth his agenda for the country. But as we know the Democrats will fight tooth and nail to derail the Republicans' efforts. Our Club needs to strongly encourage them to not back down when being attacked on all sides by the Democrats and the Media. Their anthem should be the lyrics from Tom Petty's 1989 song "I won't back down, you could stand me up at the gates of HELL, but I won't back down. No I'll stand my ground, won't be turned around, and I'll keep this world from dragging me down. Well I know what's right in a world that keeps pushing me round, but I'll stand my ground and I won't back down."



Let's support Congressman Gaetz when he does stand his ground as he thoroughly studies the issues and has well thought out reasons for each and every position he takes. Let's pray he succeeds in leading Congress to defeat the Democrats and take our country in the direction that it must go in order to survive.

*Deborah Stone,*  
**President, RWOF**



**1<sup>st</sup> V.P. DESLEY PARKER**

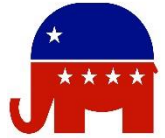
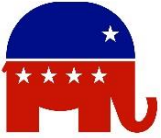
**LAURIE HOOD, FOUNDER  
ALAQUA ANIMAL REFUGE**

Laurie is the founder of Alaqua Animal Refuge, the premier, no-kill animal refuge and sanctuary for domestic and farm animals, as well as a wildlife rehabilitation center, located in Northwest Florida. She has created multiple programs including Equine Interactions, an equine assisted therapy program, and the Unconditional Love program, which provides trained companion dogs free of charge to the elderly and special needs individuals, and offering inmates a contributing role in the process.

Laurie is also the Florida State Director for Animal Wellness Action, a political action organization based in Washington DC; serves as the Vice Chair of the Florida Wildlife Federation; starred in Animal PD, a television series on Nat Geo WILD showcasing stories of Alaqua's animal rescue efforts; host of "Laurie Hood's Difference Makers" streaming video podcast; authored a curriculum to assist law enforcement with animal abuse cases; served on the Committee to Protect Greyhounds in Florida; and is a founding board member of The E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center. She is currently undertaking a bold endeavor to create an educational and training center for animal welfare advocates on 100 acres of land.



She has received numerous awards, including "Daily Point of Light Award" from President George H. W. Bush; the Pinnacle Award in from 850 Magazine in Northwest Florida for her community service and leadership; Communicator of the Year for Non-Profit from the Florida Public Relations Association, Northwest Florida Coast Chapter; and is currently featuring in the Female Disrupters series in Authority Magazine and Thrive Global.



**KATHY FOSTER, HOSPITALITY**

**Our February Menu:**

**A MARDI GRAS INSPIRED BUFFET**

House Salad with Ranch & Vinaigrette

Rolls & Butter

Dessert will be a surprise!

The cost is \$20 for members and \$22 for guests. Please respond with a Yay or Nay by **Friday, January 28th**, as reservations are required.

Contact Kathy Foster @ [fosterpk@gnt.net](mailto:fosterpk@gnt.net)

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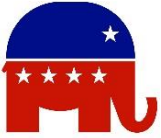
BIRTHDAY

**ELENA FILSHTINSKA – 5 FEB**

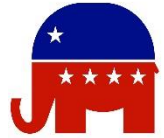
**CONNIE WHITE - 20 FEB**

**ELLEN GOODSON - 22 FEB**





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**2nd V.P. KATHY ALEXANDER**

**January Free Lunch Winner:  
Anna Peele**

**Free Twisted Grape Certificate:  
Elaine Stewart**

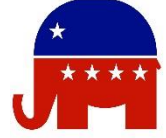
**50/50: \$87 to Mira Villanacci**



**WELCOME NEW MEMBER:  
KELLEY FULLER**







**ANNA PEELE**

**FEB COMMUNITY OUTREACH**



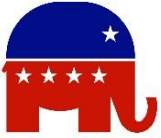
Alaqua Animal Refuge, which opened in 2007, is the premier animal sanctuary located in Walton County which provides protection, shelter and care to animals in need. A full service adoption center with peaceful, proactive animal advocates provide educational outreach and community programs. The ten acre property contains dogs, cats, horses, birds, donkeys, goats, sheep, pigs, cows, bunnies, ducks and even emus.

If you choose, these are some items on the Wish List that we can donate to Alaqua.

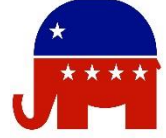
- Dollar General Gift Cards**
- Greenie Pill Pockets**
- Purina One Dry Dog Food**
- Canned Pate Cat Food**
- Cat Toy Mice**
- Plush Dog Beds**
- Dawn Dish Soap**
- Paper Towels**

The founder of Alaqua Animal Refuge, Laurie Hood, is our guest speaker for February. Let's give her a great donation to take home!

Thank you,  
Anna, Ellen, Karen Rose, and Linda Gail



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Are you looking for your dream job  
Or changing your career?



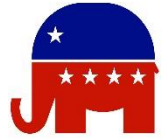
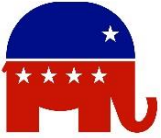
**\$2,000 Non-Traditional Student Collegiate Scholarship**

**Deadline: April 28, 2023**

**Non-traditional students are classified as:**

- A woman of any age who may not have gone directly to college after high school or received a GED.
- A woman who has experienced an interruption in higher education and is now returning to complete a degree.
- A Woman of any marital or family status who has a financial need for assistance.
- A woman who is a resident of Okaloosa County.
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Contact [RWOFUSA.org](http://RWOFUSA.org) to download the application and return to:  
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Before April 28, 2023.**

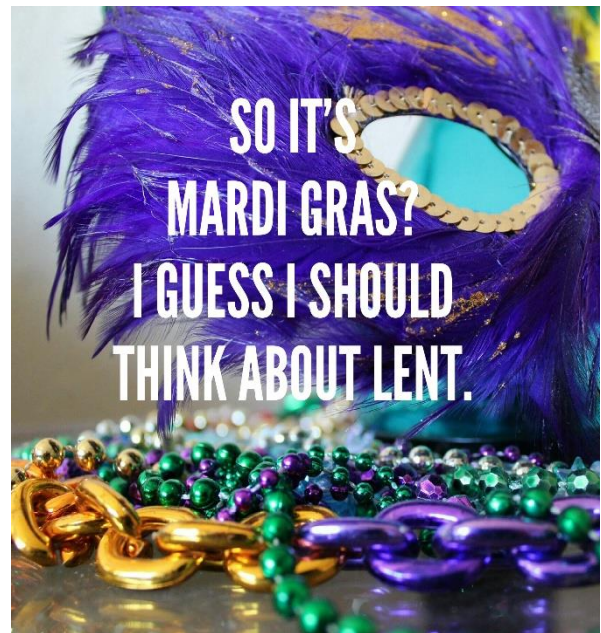


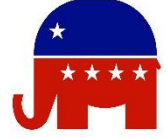
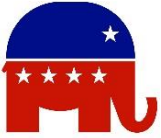
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



**Dr. Ben S. Carson will be on the Mainstage Theater at Mattie Kelly Arts Center on February 16<sup>th</sup> as part of the President’s Speaker Series. You don’t want to miss it.**

**And don’t forget to check out all the Mardi Gras events that will be taking place.**





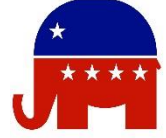
## The Joe Biden Documents Saga

As researched for you by: Past President Maddie McNeal

In the event that you haven't heard, Joe Biden (I'm sorry, but I cannot call this man President) had classified documents found in several locations over the past few months. Here is an abbreviated timeline of what transpired:

- **Jan 20, 2021:** Biden is sworn in as (you know).
- **Nov 2, 2022:** Biden's personal attorneys come across Obama-Biden administration documents in a locked closet while packing files as they prepare to close out Biden's office in the Penn Biden Center. They notify the National Archives.
- **Nov 3, 2022:** The National Archives takes possession of the documents.
- **Nov 4, 2022:** The National Archives informs the Justice department about the documents.
- **Nov 8, 2022:** Midterm Elections **(NO MENTION OF THE DOCUMENTS)**
- **Nov-Dec, 2022:** Biden's lawyers search his homes in Wilmington, Delaware and Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, to see if there are other documents from his Vice Presidency.
- **Nov 9, 2022:** the FBI begins an assessment of whether classified information has been mishandled. (Guess what, it was. Biden's lawyers do not have a security clearance)
- **Nov 14, 2022:** Garland assigns U.S. Attorney John Lausch to look into whether a special counsel should be appointed to investigate the matter. **(REALLY?)**
- **Dec 20, 2022:** **A SECOND BATCH of Classified documents** is discovered in the garage of Biden's Wilmington home. The FBI goes to his home to secure the documents.
- **Jan 9, 2023:** CBS News, followed by other news organizations **(so they call themselves)** reveals the discovery of the documents at the Penn Biden Center. The White House acknowledges that a **"SMALL NUMBER"** of Obama-Biden administration records, including some with Classified markings, were found at the center. It makes **NO MENTION** of the documents found in Wilmington.
- **Jan 10, 2023:** Biden for the first time addresses the document issue. During a press conference in Mexico City, he says he was "surprised to learn that there were any documents" in the Penn Biden Center and doesn't know what's in them. **He does not mention the documents found in Wilmington.**
- **Jan 11, 2023:** Biden's lawyers complete their search of Biden's residences, find **one additional Classified Document** in Biden's personal library in Wilmington. NBC and other news organizations **reveal a second batch of documents** has been found at a location other than the Penn Biden Center.
- **Jan 12, 2023:** Biden's lawyer informs Lausch that an additional classified document has been found. Richard Sauber, special counsel to Biden, reveals publicly for the first time that documents were found in Biden's Wilmington garage and one document was





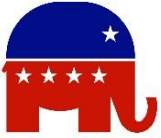
found in an adjacent room. Garland announces that he has appointed Robert Hur, a former U.S. Attorney in the Trump administration, to serve as special counsel.

- **Jan 14, 2023:** The White House reveals that Biden’s lawyers found more Classified Documents at his home than previously known. Sauber said in a statement that a total of six pages of Classified Documents were found during a search of Biden’s private library. Sauber said Biden’s personal lawyers, who did not have security clearances, stopped their search after finding the first page on Wednesday evening.
- **Jan 19, 2023:** A frustrated Biden said there is “NO THERE THERE” when he was persistently questioned about the discovery of the documents. “We found a “handful of documents were filed in the wrong place.” Biden told a group of reporters who questioned him during a tour of the damage from storms in California. “We immediately turned them over to the Archives and the Justice Department.”
- **Jan 21, 2023:** Biden’s attorneys say the FBI searched Biden’s home in Wilmington, Delaware, and located **additional documents** with Classified Markings and also took possession of some of his handwritten notes. The search lasted nearly 13 hours. The FBI took **13 items that contained documents** with Classified Markings, said Bob Bauer, Biden’s personal lawyer. The items spanned Biden’s time in the Senate and the Vice Presidency, while the notes dates to his time as Vice President, he said.

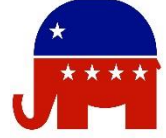
On a personal observation: in the beginning of the reporting on this, it was said that some of the documents pertained to Iran, Ukraine and the United Kingdom. For some reason, that has stopped being mentioned (although you can still Google it). For me, it doesn’t take much to understand why he took those documents. He had plans for them in his future.

One thing we have to remember that they are trying to sweep under the rug: Joe Biden as “Vice President” had NO RIGHT to take these Classified Documents, but he took them anyway. I believe this is just more of Joe being Joe. He believes he is above the law, he needs to be shown that he is NOT! However, this may be his one truth!





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### REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF OKALOOSA FEDERATED MISSION STATEMENT

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