



# The Forum

## February 2017

**PEACE RIVER FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S FORUM**

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### **February Speaker: Loren Spivack — The Free Market Warrior**



Loren Spivack, The Free Market Warrior, was born and raised in Massachusetts and spent most of his adult life in New York City. Before becoming active in politics, Spivack worked for several non-profits and as a management consultant for both profit and non-profit companies. Spivack founded "Free Market Warrior" in 2009 in an effort to make a positive difference in American politics and economics.

He was expelled from Concord Mills Mall in North Carolina in July of 2009 for selling material critical of the Obama Administration. (Mall owners, Simon Property Group, are major Democratic donors.) Since then Loren has devoted his time to teaching conservative groups about free market economics. He conducts "Economic Literacy" seminars across the United States. So far, Spivack has delivered his famous seminar on "Economic Literacy" to almost 300 groups in 24 states.

Spivack is also the author of *The New Democrat* a parody history of the Obama administration, based on a famous children's book. With pitch-perfect rhyme and clever illustrations, *The New Democrat* transforms the political personalities of our times into cartoon characters in a conservative morality play. Spivack's second book *The Gorax* is a parody of the environmental movement. Starring Al Gore as the misguided gremlin who uses government to destroy prosperity without ever accomplishing even his own goals, *The Gorax* is a powerful and yet humorous lesson about the dangers of idealism gone awry.

### **Your Dues Will Be **Delinquent** by March 1, 2017!**

If you have not paid your 2017 Membership Dues, please do so! Attached to this newsletter is a Membership Form. Please fill it out and include it with your payment (\$30 Members; \$25 Associate Members).

### **Forum Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2017**

**Isles Yacht Club**

1780 W. Marion Ave. • Punta Gorda, FL

Social: 11:30 A.M.-Noon

Lunch & Meeting: Noon-1:00 P.M.

#### **Attn: Members:**

You can use this "url" below as the website this month.

It is temporary and there is a payment link on this page to PayPal.

[www.charlottegop.com/peace\\_river\\_forum](http://www.charlottegop.com/peace_river_forum)

### **Menu**

House Salad with Ranch Dressing

Chicken Francaise with

Lemon Butter

Chef's Choice of Potato or Rice

Chef's Choice of Vegetable

Bread & Butter

Cookie

Coffee • Iced Tea • Decaf

**Members: \$20 • Guests: \$22**

**For reservations, please contact:**

**Jenn Jurisko**

**by noon on the Friday preceding  
the meeting**

**email:**

[peacriverforum@gmail.com](mailto:peacriverforum@gmail.com)

**or call: 941-916-7224**

Use PayPal for advance reservations and memberships here:

[www.peacriverforum.com](http://www.peacriverforum.com)  
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#### **LUNCHEON CANCELLATIONS**

Please email [peacriverforum@gmail.com](mailto:peacriverforum@gmail.com) or call 941-916-7224 no later than Friday noon prior to the meeting. Late cancellations may be charged to the Member, and invoices may be issued for payment for all no-shows and late cancellations.

#### **INFORMATION CHANGES**

If you have a change of name, address, telephone or email address, please contact Christine Lee (941-548-1418) or email her on: [cw\\_lee@comcast.net](mailto:cw_lee@comcast.net)

## The Minutes

The January 11, 2017 meeting of the PRFRWF was held at the Isles Yacht Club and was called to order by President Vanessa Oliver at 12:00 noon. The Invocation was given by Vickie Potts and Vanessa led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Treasurer's report for December was approved as presented. The Secretary's Minutes were approved as presented.

**Officer's Present:** President Vanessa Oliver, Treasurer Christine Lee, and Secretary Phyllis McKendall.

**Elected Officials Present:** Vickie Potts, Charlotte County Tax Collector, Kathleen Coppola, Charlotte County Airport Authority, District #5, Kim Amontree, Charlotte County School Board, District #2, Roger Eaton, Charlotte County Clerk of Courts, Linda McGreevey, Charlotte County Committeewoman, Precinct #43, Bob

Starr, State Republican Committeeman, Debbie McMullen, State Republican Committeewoman and Barry Jollette, Republican National Chairman.

**Club Officials Present:** Bill Folchi, Chairman, Charlotte County Republican Executive Committee.

**Program:** Lucienne Pears, Director of Economic Development was our speaker. She talked about relocating new businesses to Charlotte County and new housing developments to our area.

**Forum Business:** A survey was given to all members by Vickie Potts. They were filled out and collected at the end of the meeting. Results to follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM by President Vanessa Oliver. Next meeting will be February 8, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis McKendall  
Secretary

**Finally!**



## Treasurer's Report

PRFRWF Check Register Balance (11/30/16) ..... **\$8,897.21**

### Receipts:

Luncheon income ..... 1,042.13  
Membership ..... 790.00  
Directory ads and sponsors ..... 60.00  
Republican of the Year Profit Distribution ..... 616.44

Total receipts ..... 2,508.57

### Disbursements:

Luncheon ..... -1,000.13  
Centerpieces for December meeting ..... 602.30  
Tipos for servers at Isles Yacht Club ..... -400.00

Total disbursements ..... -2,002.43

PRFRWF Check Register Balance (12/31/16) ..... **\$9,403.35**

Petty cash on hand ..... 100.00

PRFRWF Balance (12/31/16) ..... **\$9,503.35**



**Vanessa Oliver**, President; **Lucienne Pears**, Speaker; and **Roger Eaton**, Clerk of Court.

## 2017 Peace River Forum Board of Directors

Vanessa Oliver, *President* ..... 941-613-6448  
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Approved by Vanessa Oliver, President.**

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*The Peace River Federated Republican Women's Forum ("the Forum") was chartered in November 1987 to promote an informed electorate through political education. We are members of the Republican Party and promote its principles and ideals. We allow Republican candidates to come before the Forum membership and share their views.*

*We are not "the ladies who lunch" — we are a dynamic group of women and men who serve the citizens of Charlotte County and Florida as elected officials, campaign managers, campaign volunteers and community activists. We would love to have you join us!*

## 2017 Membership Application

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** The information you provided above will be published in our annual directory. Please tell us if there is any information you **do not** wish published.

### MEMBERSHIP TYPE (Must be a Registered Republican) Check One:

Annual Dues \*

\$30<sup>00</sup> [ ] **ACTIVE** shall be a registered Republican woman with dues current; shall have the privilege of voting, participating in debates, serving on committees, holding office, and serving as a delegate to the National and/or Florida meetings or conventions.

\$25<sup>00</sup> [ ] **ASSOCIATE** can be either a registered Republican man (whether or not they are a member of another club), or a registered Republican woman holding membership in another Federated club. They shall pay full dues and be non-voting members. They may not be counted for the purpose of determining the delegates to the Florida or National conventions.

**\*Note:** Dues are for calendar year ending December 31, 2017. Please make checks payable to Peace River Forum.