



AGENDA

March 21, 2018 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Estero Rec Center, 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd., Estero, FL 33928 - 239-498-0415

(Times are approximate.)

6:30 PM – Gathering, Set-up Room

6:45 PM - Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of the First Amendment, Second Amendment and part of the Northwest Ordinance

Quiet moment to reflect on this and also to celebrate Obama's care for US.

The Affordable Care Act was signed into law eight years ago, day-after-tomorrow.

Welcome to the Club, "Traitors"¹ and "Outlaws!"²

- Introduction of Officers and Directors
- Anyone not sign in?
- Please contribute what you can to the donation jar to help the Club pay for the room
- Reminder, this is the time to renew membership or apply to become a member of this Club (only \$20!)
- Official Election Dates to Remember:
<http://www.lee.vote/campaigns/candidate-qualifying-information-and-notice/>
For those who are especially fascinated by time, a few copies are (or were) on the Welcoming table. Some big examples:
 - July 30: SOE closes the book on voter registration for the August 28 Primary
 - October 9: SOE closes the book on voter registration for the November 6 General Election

Secretary's Report (if we had a Secretary)

Treasurer's Report and Review of Membership Rolls – Jim Watson

Membership Votes: (1) Associate Memberships for Democrats outside Lee County

(2) BE Democratic Club

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1. President Trump, 2/5/2018, National Review, "Is Trump Serious About "Treasonous" Democrats?" National Review blames the Democrats for not being able to tell the difference between Imperial tyranny and Trump's "mere boorishness."
 2. White House today, calling people running sanctuary cities outlaws – presumably, that would apply to those who support dreamers. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/1600daily/>

Introduction of candidates who are registered Democrats and who are present (who will talk later)

7:00 PM – Jane Kuckel

School Board Member (who will talk about building and updating school buildings and answer any questions you may have) – We are hoping Jane will also attend our April Meeting with a District content-person to talk about school safety.

7:30 PM – Crystal Wimperis

Mom's Demand (sensible gun laws), Ft. Myers Lead

As you probably know, last week a million students walked out of their schools for 17 minutes at 10 AM. And, this week, just a few days after our meeting: "On **March 24**, the kids and families of March For Our Lives will take to the streets of Washington DC to demand that their lives and safety become a priority and that we end gun violence and mass shootings in our schools today." <https://marchforourlives.com/>

8:00 PM – Free Speech – Robust Debate on any topic of interest to those attending the meeting.

Candidates who are registered Democrats are allowed to talk now without unduly interrupting the business of the Club.

Final Matters

Democrats – Thank you for taking the time to attend this meeting. We are grateful, since there were other things you could have been doing. Bring some friends next time.

If you liked what you experienced here, tonight – or you didn't like it and would like to make it better – please become a member. Membership applications are on the table by the door. Dues are only \$20.

Asks of a Democratic Club in Lee County:

- Become a member, join the fun, help us become a more-perfect club.
- This election year, the Democratic Party of Lee County is already raising funds, making phone calls and getting ready to knock on doors. They would like this club to send 5 volunteers to their battle for a more Democratic Lee County. And, they will be providing several fun opportunities to help raise GOTV money. Please, after paying your dues to our Club, consider going to **www. leecountydems.org** and becoming a recurring donor to the Democratic Party of Lee County.

If you have any questions or would like to become a member of this Club, speak with any officer or director of the Club, including myself, Steven Blumrosen, President, The Democratic Club of Bonita Springs and South Lee County - 239-270-2655.

**The Democratic Club of Bonita Springs and South Lee County
meets the THIRD Wednesday of every month through the elections.**

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 18, 2018. Same place, same time.

Look Ahead

As we get closer to November, we will be asked to canvass door-to-door and phone bank. If you live in a “Gated Community,” it will be helpful if you could give some thought on how to approach other members of your community. Each community has its own rules and customs.

First Amendment, Second Amendment, and Northwest Ordinance

Bill of Rights – First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

The Bill of Rights and the Northwest Ordinance were put into writing about the same time as the Constitution. The following shed light on the spirit of those times:

“A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”³

“Religion, morality, and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.”⁴

3. Second Amendment in the Bill of Rights

4. Art. 3, The Northwest Ordinance (aka: An Ordinance for the government of the Territory of the United States northwest of the River Ohio. <https://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=true&doc=8&page=transcript>)