



The Brief

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March On! Chairman Rick Lacey

March 2024 represents not only a new Spring Season but the beginning of Florida's extremely important election season. Beginning with our March 19th Presidential Primary, Brevard Republicans will have the opportunity to nominate and elect numerous public offices including U.S. Senate, U.S. Representative, State Legislators, County Commissioners, School Board Members, Mayors, Port Commissioners and a host of local municipal positions. This is our opportunity to continue to provide our Nation, our State and our County with Conservative Republican Leaders who get results.

We have witnessed the incompetence of the Biden/Harris administration as America suffers with runaway inflation, soaring energy costs, out of control illegal immigration, International setbacks, skyrocketing crime in our cities and a tragic loss of life from the spread of fentanyl.

Instead of working with Congress to solve these problems, Biden tries to distract us with his extreme leftwing agenda of more taxes, more IRS agents, more debt and more free handouts with you and me paying the bill!

Our message is loud and clear. Join us in 2024. Remind your neighbors and friends to register Republican, consider joining a local Republican Club and get active with your Brevard County Republican Party.

Working together will guarantee results.

So let's Spring into action and March On to Victory in November!

Rick Lacey, Chairman Brevard Republican Party



Voter Registration Update, Sharon Rose

The voter registration team has been busy in 2024! On January 27, Chairwoman, Sharon Rose, **trained 13 new agents, bringing our team to 20** active voter registration agents! In February, we did two events; the Melbourne Gun Show and the Renninger's Flea Market. The new and seasoned agents all did a great job reaching out to those unregistered voters, eager to become Republicans. We also informed every one of the **upcoming Presidential Primary and reiterated that Florida is a "closed" primary state.** We had a fun time talking to Republicans about the current state of affairs under the Democrat administration and we all agreed that **Biden has to go!** They are all eager to vote in this

year's election and most want to return this country back to Republicans and Donald Trump! Even many out of state people visiting at the flea market agreed!

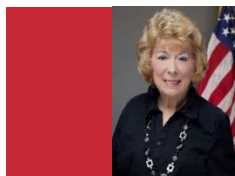
Special thanks goes to **Betsy Ronk, Eileen Sepp, Elaine Ber, Ralph Lambert, Roger Seaton, Pat Thompson, Julie Heim, Connie Smith and Joanne Young** for spending their weekends with me seeking those new voters and changing voters party affiliation! **The results so far - 27 new registrations**, including 5 party changes, and **4 updates for a total of 31**. Brevard County voter registration numbers, as of February 24, are: Republicans, 190,362 vs. Democrats, 114,053 and No Party Affiliation (NPAs), 106,907. **Remember the Brevard Republican Party goal...200,000 registered Republicans and a reduction in the number of NPAs! We can achieve it!!**

Although the books closed on February 20 for registrations for the Presidential Primary, the team will continue to work events and reach out in our communities. New agent, Pat Thompson, District 5, has been registering people at her local church! I registered a gal as a Republican at my Dentist's office, recently. The team will do Friday Fests in towns that allow us to, sign up for Palm Bay Chamber events (Rick Lacey and I will be at one on March 1st), setup outside the Department of Motor Vehicles (DVM) and continue going to gun shows and Renninger's flea market periodically, until the 2024 elections. I am always looking for other opportunities, so if you know of any, please contact me, Sharon Rose, at BRECTreasurer@gmail.com at any time.

Please, get the word out to voters that they must request a mail-in ballot this year (new change), if they wish to vote by mail. The team has assisted and submitted 6 voters requests for mail-in ballots so far through our events (most like to go to the polls), including a soldier who will be out of the country. While submitting and logging in registrations at the Supervisor of Elections office, I noticed a democrat on the log had submitted 66 mail-in requests, no registrations! Although mail-in balloting has not been encouraged in the past, we must all reach out to inform mail-in voters to get their request in by March 7 at 5 P.M. to the Elections office nearest them. We must strive to keep Brevard "Red" and beat the Democrats, at their own game.

The Presidential Primary **early voting begins March 9th** through the 16th at early voting locations. For a list of these locations, go to votebrevard.gov. **Election Day is March 19th** at all precinct voter locations, which are open 7 am -7 pm. Every Republican can contribute to our goals. Please pass the above information to your neighbors, friends and others who you see when doing your errands and appointments. To quote Thomas Jefferson, *"If we are to guard against ignorance and remain free, it is the responsibility of every American to be informed."*

Sharon Rose, Precinct 406 Committeewoman, Chair of Voter Registration Committee and Treasurer Brevard Republican Party



Committeewoman Spotlight, Helen Voltz

I've been a member of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee, on & off, since 1994. I got involved in politics over 30 years ago because I had 3 boys who were playing football, but the fields in Palm Bay were filled with holes and kids were getting hurt. My husband went to the Palm Bay city manager and complained. He was told that if he didn't like how the city was taking care of the fields then he should run for council, so he ran for city council and won in 1986. That's when I got interested in politics.

I ran for city council in 1990, but started nursing school that same year. After graduation I started a job at the hospital and got to know Dr. Dave Weldon better. He asked me to run his campaign for Congress. I did and we won the first and second primaries and then the General Election. That is when I first joined BREC.

Later I received a call from the BREC chair asking me if I'd run for County Commission District 5; I won the race. Over the years I've also run a judicial campaign and several County Commission races. I've helped on multiple Town Council and School Board races by doing whatever I could to help the Republican candidates. This included standing on street corners waving signs, walking door to door and making phone calls. I think I've done it all and it all has been a pleasure and fun

Helen Voltz, Precinct 309 Committeewoman, West Melbourne City Councilwoman, President of Brevard Federated Republican Women in Action



Committeeman Spotlight, John Dittmore

I have always been passionate about helping those in my community that could not help themselves. This has led me to volunteer on many levels to work with students and seniors alike, to make the community a better place to live. Below I have listed some of those volunteer activities.

I have volunteered in my community, as I have for many years, currently I serve as an HOA Board member (President) where I live. In 2017 I volunteered to take the lead for several other HOA's in my City to participate with the Brevard Schools redistricting committee. This volunteer committee sought to find a successful resolution to a highly contested issue with parents and the Brevard Schools over the district's assigned school zones for residents in my community. I have participated in the Tied Together mentoring program for several years where we have successfully mentored thousands of Brevard students across the county. I previously volunteered to speak and teach the Constitution to Boy Scouts and was recognized for my work with them. I also have coordinated, as well as participated in, several food distribution programs for the needy in South Brevard as well as delivered meals with the Meals on Wheels program in the County. I have actively participated in fundraisers for the Special Olympics and participated in toy giveaway programs with Shop with a Cop at Christmas for less fortunate children.

I have over 30 years of Public Service, as a Veteran, Retired Police Officer and current elected official. Volunteering has been the most meaningful and rewarding aspect of providing that service to the public.

John Dittmore, Precinct 309 Committeeman, West Melbourne City Councilman



Brevard Federated Republican Women's Club, Xiaoqi Wang

The Brevard Federated Republican Women's club (was established in 1950 and is affiliated with the Florida and National Federation of Republican Women. Brevard Federated Republican Women is dedicated to the education and promotion of Republican ideals.

We strive to insure the most qualified and ethical individuals are elected to public office by:

- Encouraging members to educate themselves and others on local and national issues.

- Promoting basic Republican philosophies and working to elect top-notch candidates.
- Serving the communities by assuring responsible government.
- Promoting qualified women's participation and advancement throughout our political system.

Are you looking for stimulating conversation, education, and interacting with creative people?

If so, Brevard Federated Republican Women is for you! Through the unique bonds formed among women, we make a difference in our community, while upholding the traditions and ideals of the Republican Party.

Each year the Brevard Federated Republican Women organizes a major fundraising event for the community. This year the event is the **2024 Red Wave to Victory Dinner**. Proceeds from this event will be used to support qualified candidates throughout the 2024 election cycle.

We believe our Nation is at a critical juncture and we need public engage. Please join us in our **2024 Red Wave to Victory Dinner** on Saturday, March 16, 2024. More information about the event and how to purchase tickets can be found here <http://www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org/red-wave-to-victory-dinner.html> .

Working together, we will assure that the most qualified and ethical individuals are elected to public office in 2024 and these elected officials are accountable to the voters who elected them.

You are also welcome to attend our general membership meetings which are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 11:00 am-1:30 pm at the Space Coast Convention Center. If you wish to attend any meeting, please contact BFRW President Jill Gentis at jilgentis@sbcglobal.net.

Xiaoqi Wang, Precinct 419 Committeewoman, District 4 Chairwoman and Vice President Brevard Federated Women's Club.