



The Brief

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Republican National Convention, Rick Lacey, Ed Brankey, Mike Thomas, Xiaoqi Wang

(Rick Lacey) It was an honor to represent our district at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee. Together with Ed Brankey, Mike Thomas and Xiaoqi Wang. We met with Senator Rubio, Congressman Donalds, and Attorney General Moody to support President Trump. Our Convention proved that electing Republicans is the only way to reduce crime, secure the border, build the economy and end the insanity of the Biden-Harris/Democrat Party left wing agenda. Below are the reflections on the convention by my co-attendees.

(Ed Brankey) The 2024 Republican National Convention was absolutely amazing with too many speakers and events to mention individually in a short description. My personal favorite was Donald Trump's entrance to the Convention Venue a mere 48 hours after the attempt on his life. He attended all four days of the convention and the crowd went wild each time he appeared. Another thrill for me was to see delegates and officials from all 50 states essentially in one very big room and completely united. It's been a long time since I saw so many diverse Americans all unified with one purpose. The pageantry of the event was also overwhelming.

On the other hand, seeing large numbers of law enforcement officers from various states, the Secret Service, TSA, U.S. Capitol Police impressed on me the seriousness of the job of protecting President Donald J. Trump. According to local news in Milwaukee, over 4,000 security personnel of various types were present in the area compared to the 2,429 delegates that were there.

If we can stay united behind President Trump through November, I'm confident he will have a big win!

(Mike Thomas) Attending the 2024 RNC Convention was a tremendous experience. The great personalities and enormous positive energy from across the nation were focused in one huge gathering and were seemingly enough to blow the roof off the arena.

The featured speakers represented many diverse walks of life and agendas but all were on target to support American Conservatism.

The City of Milwaukee went above and beyond to welcome Republicans from across the nation – somewhat of a nice surprise considering the Mayor is a Democrat.

Security was scarcely a thought as we were surrounded by a gaggle of men and women in blue at every turn. Sometimes it seemed that there were more of them than us. THANK YOU!

Another surprise was that many Union Leaders have come out for TRUMP – WOW! (Never expected that).

I went away from the Convention thinking to myself: "How in the world could anyone in their right mind be against this movement to 'Make America Great Again'."

It is only through education and speaking truth that we can counter the half quotes and blatant lies that are being pushed by the far left and the ultra-liberal media. I have worked through many elections that have been deemed to be the most important but this one stands out as the ultimate battle to protect America from forces that are infiltrating our country and seeking to tear us apart.

(Xiaoqi Wang) During the recent 2024 Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, the Republican Party achieved its two primary goals: Nominating Donald Trump as the party's candidate for President in 2024, and Passing the Party Platform, Make America Great Again!

The 2024 Party Platform is dedicated to the forgotten men and women of America. It is intended to join us in returning to a common sense, America First, Platform.

Being present at the Republican National Convention was the experience of a lifetime. The Convention was well-run, and the Republican Party of Florida did a fantastic job supporting our State's Delegates. Two, sometimes three times a day, there were special events for Florida's delegates, many of which were sponsored by members of Governor DeSantis' Cabinet and other elected officials. During these events, we had unfettered access to our elected officials, and the opportunity to hear and inquire about Florida-related issues.

From big name to iPhone reporters, journalists were everywhere, from the delegation hotels to the Convention Center.

Security was amazing, there were uniformed police and volunteers everywhere. Everyone was friendly, helpful, we always felt safe.

There were a surprisingly large number of young Republicans in attendance. They were enthusiastic and eager to be involved. In my opinion, sponsoring Young Republican group's attendance at future conventions would be a great way to provide our future leaders practical experience, learning opportunities and motivation for future success.

The message of unity was everywhere. It was thrilling, inspiring, and the overarching theme was when America is united, confident and committed to our core principles, it cannot fail. Everyone was saying that this was the most unite, most exciting Republican Convention they have ever attended. I hope every State Delegation takes the Convention's excitement and spirit home with them to the battleground!

Rick Lacey - Brevard Republican Party RNC Delegate

Ed Brankey, Mike Thomas, Xiaoqi Wang - Alternate Delegates



Our primary elections are upon us! Mail in ballots were distributed on July 18th and early voting started on August 10th. The schedule for voting is Sat. Aug. 10 – Sat. Aug.17, Voting hours – Mon – Fri: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. & Sat – Sun: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 pm. Any registered voter can at any of the following locations during this period.

Locations		
Titusville Elections Office	Titusville Public Library	Kiwanis Island Park Gym

Dr. Lee Smith Comm. Center	Viera Regional Comm. Center	Wickham Comm. Park Center
Scotty Culp Municipal Complex	Max K. Rodes Park Comm. Center	Tony Rosa Palm Bay Center
Ted Whitlock Comm. Center		

Many people will ask “It just a primary, why should I vote?” The primary is a voter’s opportunity to select the best candidate to go on to the general election. In Brevard County there are 12 contested Republican races, it is important to vote for the best candidate to defeat the opposition and effectively represent us in their elected position.

There are also 10 non-partisan races in this primary where it is highly likely that the winner of the primary, if they receive greater than 50% of the vote, will be elected to the office. School Board District 3&4, Palm Bay May and City Council, Titusville Mayor and the three judicial races.

A list of Republican candidates in these non-partisan races can be found at <https://brevardrepublicans.org/republicans-in-non-partisan-races/>.

Historically voter turnout for the primary in Brevard County has been mediocre at best. In the past 3 elections, 2018, 2020, 2022, turnout percentages were 31.2%, 28.0% and 27.3% respectively. It is a shame to allow such critical positions as School Board, Mayor and City Council be decided by so few voters. Or the Republican candidate for the General election to be selected by the plurality of such a small numbers of voters. Please VOTE.

On the lighter side, we received this inquiry via email - *“Hello! My physical mailbox keeps getting flooded with tons of candidate campaign mail. I don't need or use those, they go straight in the recycle bin. It's extra cost that we could be using for something else!! Is there a way I can unsubscribe from those?”*

Don’t we all wish there was!

Dave Fosdick, Precinct 511 Committeeman, District 5 Chair



John Hearton and his wife have been active members of the community for many years. Whether in the blazing summer heat or the cool winter months, the couple can be found picking up trash along the streets or participating in regular bridge clean ups while volunteering for the Rotary Club, GreenSpace Water Alliance or MRC. They have also participated in Oyster Bed planting in the Indian River Lagoon, a waterway near and dear to their hearts, with the Brevard Zoo.

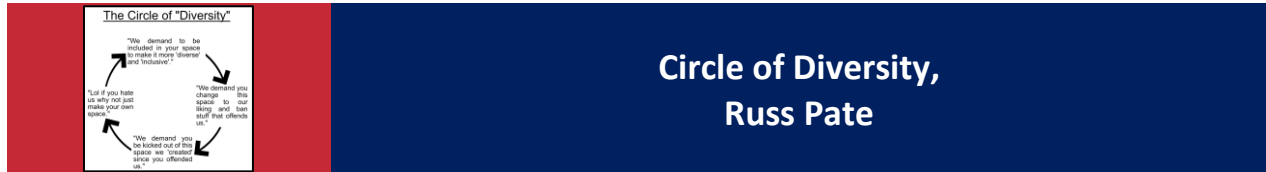
As a member of BREC John knows the importance of election integrity and getting Republicans voted into office. He is a trained and active poll watcher. He has also supported many local candidates through door knocking and candidate advocacy at events like the Grant Seafood Festival, Melbourne Gun Shows and a variety of candidate forums. He regularly attends events supporting the Brevard Federated Republican Women in Action, the Ronald Reagan Club and more. John is a regular attendee and supporter of Republican events at the Palm Bay Multicultural Center, Truth Fest and he has advocated for local Constitutional Officers and first responders with the Brevard Board of County Commissioners.

John has been an important supporter of the BREC Lincoln Reagan Dinner and the RLC’s annual Constitution Day Dinner and other club events and charities. He is also a notable supporter of the

National Veterans Homeless Support organization and their annual charity event. As the proud father of an active-duty Marine, John is a proponent of H.R.95 – Homeless Veteran Families Act. The couple also volunteer feeding the homeless with Under the Bridge Ministries in Titusville.

He and his wife regularly attend St. John’s Church in Viera as well as Church at the Cross in Sebastian and attends sunrise services with Calvary Chapel Surfside. John spends as much time as possible with his three grown children and their families, including four adorable grandchildren – two boys Luka and Kellen and two beautiful granddaughters Elorie and Millie. He and his wife also enjoy traveling and scuba diving.

John Hearton, Precinct 405 Committeeman



The Circle of Diversity, my friends, is in my opinion one of the most important things for Conservatives (Christians) to understand.

- The liberal movement (WE) is against both Conservatism and Christianity (apparently Judaism also)
- They want a different (non-Conservative and non-Christian) world and society
- “Somehow” they have been trained to utilize this strategy.
- I have personally watched this strategy used to effectively disable:
 - The Presbyterian Church
 - The Methodist Church
 - The Boy Scouts of America
 - The Democratic Party
 - The correct functioning of the US Government and the US Military
 - Respect for the Constitution
 - Sanctuary Cities like Seattle and San Francisco

Now the Republican Party is being fractured by groups such as RINOs, “Republicans for Kamala”, and the “Never Trumpers”.

Here is an explanation of each step in the Circle of Diversity;

Step 1: WE demand to be included in your space to make it more “diverse” and “inclusive”

- WE know that Christians/Conservatives will attempt to assume the best of us and that WE genuinely might want to change viewpoints.
- While this initially seems reasonable to most people, the underlying threat of sabotage is often not realized (e.g. including unrepentant sinners in Christian Organizations, including gays and girls in Boy Scouts) until the sabotage has occurred
- WE believe that WE can do a better job of evangelizing our beliefs since WE have fewer rules and ethics to follow and because WE believe that the end justifies the means (there are no social rules, and laws will not be enforced against us.
- WE can maintain a passive posture until WE are able to move into leadership positions within your organization(s)

Step 2: WE demand that you change this space to our liking and ban stuff that offends us

- Oh, you obviously misunderstood what WE wanted when WE asked to be included. WE knew that the Conservative groups would buy into our first request and would allow our infiltration.
- Now WE want NOT to be offended by your Conservative/Christian beliefs. Please stop saying things which condemn our way of life.

Step 3: WE demand you be kicked out of this space you created since you continue to offend us

- WE will now claim that your “inclusion of” us was an agreement not to offend us, not an agreement on our part to acquiesce to your beliefs.

Step 4: Lol - if you hate us so much, why not make your own space

- Since WE now have a majority, and/or have worked ourselves into leadership positions. Those that continue to insist that their beliefs (Conservatism/Christianity) are correct must leave in order to prove your claims of inclusion. WE really wanted your beliefs to be replaced by our beliefs.
- But, WE never had any intention of acquiescing to your beliefs
- Taking over your existing organizations has proven to be much easier than creating our own new organizations.

It is important, for conservatives to believe that this is actually happening, to be vigilant and aware when it occurs and to recognize and call this out whenever observed.

Russ Pate, Precinct 506 Committeeman