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**+++As usual OUR July 5TH MEETING WILL BE AT Panera Bread +++**

Located in the Strip Stores on the corner of Starkey Road and Bryan Dairy Road. (Keene Road. In Clearwater, same Street as Starkey Road in Largo/Seminole/Pinellas Park area, and Park Street in St. Petersburg, also known as C.R.1,all the same road)

Meetings to begin promptly at **10:00a.m., First Saturday of each month**

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**This issue:1.& 6. Thinking Right by Dr. Vance Lackore**

- 2. Special Speaker for July is Mr. Ken Burke, Pinellas County Clerk.**
- 3. God and Country Banquet**
- 4. June Meeting Report; Speaker Mr. Joe Pippen, attorney Speaker**

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**1.Thinking Right**

The Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776, but it wasn't until the Constitutional Committee met in 1787 to form the new guiding document for the United States of America. The original thirteen States had already won their independence and formed a central government under the weak Articles of Confederation. This made the individual States the stronger governmental powers and the central government was weak in comparison. This Constitution under which we now exist was to form a "More perfect Union," one in which the central government would become a Federal Republic with greater power than that still residing in the individual States. This is why the powers of the Federal Government are so clearly spelled out in Articles I, II, and III of the Constitution.

The States, which would give up much of their power under this new Government, were reluctant to change until additional qualifications and limitations were added to the Constitution. Therefore the Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments, was added. Amendment Ten was added to calm the fears of those who could not trust a powerful central government. It reads, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." This Amendment has been completely emasculated by the power hungry Federal Government so that today Benjamin Franklin, who reportedly said in answer to a question regarding the form of government the U S established, "A Republic, if you can keep it" would not recognize the layer upon layer of regulations, edicts, legislation, earmarks, projects, bureaucratic rules and regulations, nanny state cradle to grave laws to govern every part of our lives.

This is not restrictive enough for the professional politicians, now they want to make us subject to the additional inventive, far-reaching, smothering socialist governing influence and guidelines of the United Nations that conclave of Marxist, dictatorial, third world countries who wish to have the prosperity and power of the United States, taken it from us by The Global Poverty Act, an act in the US Senate that would allow the UN to tax us down to their level. Who's anxious to see this devaluing of the U S? Senators Feinstein, Schumer, Clinton, Lautenberg, Reid, Biden, Boxer, Feingold, Lugar and Democrat Presidential wannabe Barak Obama, among many others who make up the far left. To preserve our Constitution and our individual rights, the recent, critical Heller Decision of the Supreme Court assures us of the right to keep and bear arms in order to protect our Nation and Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

As concerned Christian Citizens, make your voice heard for a return to the concept of government bequeathed to us by our Nation's founders, and not part of a Global Government!

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**Important Note: Please save your Panera Bread Receipts for Joan and Martha.**

2. **Mr. Ken Burke, C.P.A.** came to the County Clerk of Pinellas Court position with outstanding qualifications. For many years he was law firm administrator, among other responsibilities, working with County Courts, and County records.

In 1999 then Gov. Jeb Bush appointed Ken to the Board of Trustees of St. Pete J.C., and St. Pete College, where he has served as St. Pete College Board Chairman. He is President of the St. Pete. Jr. College Alumni Association, as well as in leadership with many local service organizations.

In Pinellas County the Clerk of the Circuit Court manages all courthouse records, with a local budget of approximately \$58 million, and about 640 employees. Their website states. that they are 'Committed to Customer Service Excellence'.

Recently, at Mrs. Barbara Stephens' 'Central Pinellas Republican Club', Ken led us through a most interesting presentation of the work of his office, and its affect on our lives, leading us to believe needed him to be with us.

He and wife Cecilia have 3 children. We met Cecilia when she represented Ken at our Christian Coalition meeting 2 years ago.

Ken Burke, as in Pinellas County Clerk, and, other Candidates that we will meet at the meeting make this another very important, educational, and enjoyable meeting.

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## 3. 'God and Country' Banquet

Join Florida's highest elected officials, church leaders, and grassroots activists at the **19th annual Florida Christian Coalition God & Country Fund-raising Celebration**. Enjoy the elegant and award-winning cuisine of the Rosen Centre Hotel. **FL Senators and State Representatives who had 100% voting record on issues of Family and Christian importance will be honored.**

Our Keynote Speaker this year is Mike Huckabee; 9 year Governor of Arkansas, former 2008 Presidential candidate, successful author, pastor, state president of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, husband, father and founder of HuckPac

**Saturday, August 16, 2008, 6:30p.m.-9:00p.m. Rosen Centre Hotel**  
9840 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819

This is the major funding even for the 2008 Christian Coalition non-partisan Voter Guides for both the Primary, and General Election 2008: a fantastic event for a most worthwhile cause.

Christian Coalition of Pinellas in the past has resrved two tables of 10. Please contact Ronnie once your decide to attend so we can reserve our tables, and pay me, Ronnie, at your convenience prior to the Banquet. For those staying overnight contact me for special overnight lodging packages. So far ten have indicated they're going.

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#### 4. **Speaker at the June 7 meeting was ATTORNEY JOSEPH F. PIPPEN, JR.**

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Joe Phippen made a most informative and enjoyable presentation on 'Estate Planning', Wills, Probate Law and answering all questions on many subjects of FL Law' till we ran out of time. He has hosted a continuous his weekly Radio call-in show called "Ask An Attorney" since 1985 locally heard on WGUL AM Many of our attendees are his clients, and all enjoyed.. Another great meeting, with over 30 in attendance.

The following Candidates were introduced and spoke briefly;

ROBERT ANGUS WILLIAMS Judge Candidate for Circuit Judge Group 8, a local attorney, and MARY MORRISSEY HANDSEL Judge Candidate for Circuit Judge Group 6,also a local attorney.

Eric Scharn heads a new *Grass Roots Conservative* group that, among other topics, is following the Pinellas County Commissions Special Rights and Protections for Homosexuals, etc.- Call Eric and Patty at 727 418 6220 for more info or email: [www.eric.scharn@knology.net](mailto:www.eric.scharn@knology.net). Eric will keep us all informed.

Many on the Pinellas County Commission are up for re-election this fall, and CITIZENS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THEIR WORK on this Homosexual issue. Can an incumbent not get re-elected? Can that happen?

Mr. Joe Callihan, local Christian Author, and CEO of 'Fire of Love Books', read 2 of his poems and spoke briefly. We have asked him to return for the July meeting and read 2 more of his poems.

Barbara Stephens, President of Central Pinellas Republican Club gave her usual invitation to her meeting.

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1Timothy 2:1-3 "I exhort that first of ALL, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for All men, for kings, and ALL that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all goodness and honesty; for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior." How much is included in ALL? We must **pray** for the election for Godly candidates as winners.

5. Ron's Signs of the Times: The US Supreme Court recently decided by a vote of 5-4 in favor of a Washington DC policeman against the District of Columbia, ruling that Citizens could have guns in their residences. This was called a major achievement for the court. Not so.

Two thoughts come to mind:

1. Law enforcement needs to have guns for their work, we all agree on this. Criminals get guns and have guns. That leaves private citizens as the ones in the middle with no protection. This is how Wash. D.C., New York City, Chicago, and Baltimore, 'so-called gun-free cities became the nations leaders the in citizen murders. Criminals aren't that dumb that if they feel the homeowner has a gun, and will kill them if they invade his home, they will find another way to make money. Recently, armed robbers at Convenience Stores' have been shot down by the clerks: they became the victim in the situation. This is very disappointing to potential 'hold-up' thugs.

2. (Read Vance's Thinking Right #1 in the NewsLetter) Since God was Court-ordered out of Government Buildings, including Government Schools, standards have depreciated badly in each category each year. Notice that Government Buildings, including schools, need more Guards, Screening equipment and special protection than any other buildings.

Conclusion: The Bill of Rights, 10 Amendments to the US Constitution, the authors said is specifically to protect Citizens against Government. We should we rejoice because 9 Judges decided that they would give us their OK for now? We are one Supreme Court Vote away from losing our 2nd Amendment, and that is frightening. If this case came before the court before Justices Roberts and Alito our 2nd Amendment would be just a memory, just like the 'Establishment Clause' which replaced a major part of the First Amendment..

The difference between a Conservative and a Liberal Judges is that Conservatives use the Constitution for authority in decisions, and Liberal use every court case decisions to make new laws using other court decisions or Foreign Laws as a basis.

WHAT IS THE #1 ISSUE IN THIS ELECTION? **THE US SUPREME COURT and Federal Judgeships..** Recently the US Supreme Court decided that Prisoners of War at Guantimano Bay have the right of Habeas Corpus. Ultimately this could mean that Prisoners of War would be tried like US Citizens in US Courts, not Military Tribunals and potentially set free to go back to killing our Troops in the Middle East, or becoming Suicide Bombers. wins again. Another 5-4 decision , a bad US Supreme Court decision? YES.

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"When the righteous are in authority thee people rejoice; but when the wicked beareth, the people mourn."  
Proverbs 29:2.

**CANDIDATES: You are most welcome at our meetings. We have a meeting Agenda but we always have time for you to meet our members, and a short message. If you want more time, stay after. Most of our members stay for lunch.**

**VOTER GUIDES: Christian Coalition of Florida will have thousands of their non-partisan Voter Guides of State and National candidates.**

**Christian Coalition of Pinellas will have a non-partisan Pinellas County Voter Guide for Pinellas County only. Because we are funding our County Voter Guide ourselves and printing is expensive for us. All who would like to send financial aid will enable us to have more available**

**Make Checks payable to: Christian Coalition of Pinellas  
13563 Cordova Drive  
Largo, Fl, 33774**

**Thank you**

**6. July 2008 Thinking Right; We Need Retro Guys, Not girly guys or limp-wristed wimps**

There is a tremendous influence in our national society today to neutralize, even emasculate the male sex, especially the real man. In Europe and some other parts of the world, flamboyant styles, thin weak physiques and the fashionistas have popularized the idea of ‘metrosexuals,’ men who spend time getting facials, manicures and long, stylish hairdos. Years ago our standard for male behavior was the range-riding cowboy who always did the right thing, treated women with respect, dealt with the bad guys at the expense of their own well-being or even their life. Guys who would die for principles and honor, who would give a life jacket to a child or woman knowing their own life was the price to be paid.

The deliberate attempt on the part of the feminists to prove there is no difference in the abilities, strength, capabilities or emotional framework of the sexes has led to the way our society looks at men who have become mere biological accessories to the conception of a child, often dismissed after the conception as unnecessary and unwanted, except of course, for the child support payment.

We need to show the Christian Man as a strong, stalwart, dependable Man of God. A RETRO GUY! A REAL MAN. Some of the characteristics of a real man are:

1. The retro guy will always show common courtesy for a woman, paying for the dinner or date and will open the car door for her, regardless of what she says.
2. A retro guy deals with it, if it’s a flat tire, a burglar, a natural disaster, whatever it is, you've gotta DEAL WITH IT.
3. A retro guy eats red meat and has been known to kill it. (Genesis 9.) Don’t serve him tofu!
4. A retro guy can kill it; a roach, rat, fish, the burglar or terrorist if necessary, and he isn’t afraid to use a weapon. This falls under dealing with it. (Ex 22:2)

5. A retro guy knows that owning a gun isn't a sign of fear; the gun is a tool to help deal with it if necessary. (Luke 22:36)
6. A retro guy probably has one good scar that he can brag about or at least leads to a good story.
7. A retro guy will always offer a woman his seat if none is available, even in the cardiologist's office. Then look around scornfully at the wimps that didn't.
8. A retro guy knows how to say the Pledge to the Flag properly, the words to the Star Spangled Banner, and isn't afraid to say, "One nation, under God." and "I love God and my Country!"
9. A retro guy isn't upset about seeing the 10 Commandments in a public place.
10. A retro guy often carries a knife and knows how to keep it sharp. (Ehud)
11. A retro guy owns tools, lots of them, and knows how to use them too.
12. A retro guy considers his word and a handshake as a contract, and will admit it in court.
13. A retro guy will do anything he can to help the family of a deployed service man.
14. A retro guy takes responsibility for his family's safety, food to eat, a roof over his head and would rather work than cash a welfare check. (1 Tim. 5:8)
15. A retro guy will still say "Christmas" instead of 'Happy Holidays.'
16. A retro guy will bow his head when someone prays.
17. A retro guy knows what he believes, isn't afraid to declare proudly, "I am a follower of Jesus Christ," no matter who's listening or where you are.
18. A retro guy will respect his elders and expect his kids and grandkids to do the same.
19. A retro guy will give a friend his last dollar, and not expect repayment.
20. A retro guy believes the Constitution is to be interpreted literally, not as a "living document" open to the whims and vagaries of a panel of judges who have never worked an honest day in their lives.
21. A retro guy owns firearms, and he's willing to pick up a gun to defend his home and his country. He is willing to lay down his life to defend the freedom and safety of others, and the thought of killing someone who needs killing really doesn't bother him.
22. Women either love him or hate him, but they know he's a man, not a dishrag. If they're looking for someone to walk all over, they've got the wrong guy.
23. The retro guy is angry when his job site becomes flooded with illegal workers who don't pay taxes and his wages drop like a stone.

There are many examples of Retro Guys in Scripture such as Moses, Noah, Caleb, Daniel, Ehud, Peter, Paul just to name a few. The Bible gives us some practical examples of behavior such as Titus 2:1-2, "You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine. Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance". 1 Timothy 5:8, "If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." This also means to provide safety, using whatever tool is needed, and at hand. (With thanks to Roy Huntington of *American Handgunner* for use of 'Retro man.')

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Thank you; GOD BLESS YOU and GOD BLESS AMERICA,  
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