



# NOVA Notes

The Newsletter of the NOVA  
Republican Club

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## Nova Nugget:

For the benefit of our Venice members, Don Anderson, one of NOVA RC's members, is running for the Venice City Council, Seat #1. Don has been endorsed by the Republican Executive Committee and needs your support. Please vote for Don on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Voting

information can be found on the Supervisor of Election's website at <http://www.srqelections.com/>

### **OCTOBER MEETING**

10/18, 6:30 PM at the  
Nokomis Community  
Center, 234 Nippino Trail

### **Special Note for our Membership**

Our first annual election of Officers is slated to occur this December with the new Officers taking office in January. However, it is very likely that we will have an annual Christmas function (most likely a special dinner) every year and voting during that function could be a real problem.

Therefore, the Executive Board will be developing a By-Laws change that must be voted on by the membership. This change will be sent out via email prior to the vote to ensure

that all members have a chance to read and understand it. The vote on the change will occur in November and the election process should be able to be held in November & December with the vote and subsequent Officer installation in January. I ask that all members make every attempt to be present at the October, November and January meetings. This will help to ensure that we have maximum membership participation in the club's first election!

Thanks! *Mike*

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## They've Lost That Lovin' Feeling Obama still has supporters, but theirs is a grim support.

The Republican establishment reasserted itself this week, and good thing, too, because the establishment was right. It said Republicans in the House should back and pass the Boehner bill on the debt ceiling because it goes in the right directions, contains spending cuts but not taxes, and is viable. So accept victory, avert crisis, and get it to the Senate.

The establishment was being conservative in the Burkean sense: acknowledge reality, respect it, and make the most progress possible within it. This has not always been true of them. They spent the first decade of this century backing things a truly conservative party would not have dreamed of—careless wars, huge spending and, most scandalously, a dreamy and unconservative assumption that it would all work out because life is sweet and the best thing always happens. They were mostly led by men and women who had never been foreclosed on and who assumed good luck, especially unearned good luck, would continue. They were fools, and they lost control of their party when the tea party rose up, rebuking and embarrassing them. Then the tea party saved them by not going third party in 2009-10. And now the establishment has come forward to save the tea party, by inching it away from the cliff and reminding it the true battles are in 2012, and after.

As this is written, the White House seems desperate to be seen as consequential. They're trotting out Press Secretary Jay Carney, who stands there looking like a ferret with flop sweat as he insists President Obama is still at the table, still manning the phones and calling shots. Much is uncertain, but the Republicans have made great strides on policy. If they emerge victorious, they had better not crow. The nation is in a continuing crisis, our credit rating is not secure, and no one's interested in he-man gangster dialogue from "The Town." What might thrill America would be a little modesty: "We know we helped get America into some of this

trouble, and we hope we've made some progress today in getting us out of it."

But that actually is not what I want to talk about. I want to talk about something that started to become apparent to me during the debt negotiations. It's something I've never seen in national politics.

It is that nobody loves Obama. This is amazing because every president has people who love him, who feel deep personal affection or connection, who have a stubborn, even beautiful refusal to let what they know are just criticisms affect their feelings of regard. At the height of Bill Clinton's troubles there were always people who'd say, "Look, I love the guy." They'd often be smiling—a wry smile, a shrugging smile. Nobody smiles when they talk about Mr. Obama. There were people who loved George W. Bush when he was at his most unpopular, and they meant it and would say it. But people aren't that way about Mr. Obama. He has supporters and bundlers and contributors, he has voters, he may win. But his support is grim support. And sure the past few weeks I've asked Democrats who supported him how they feel about him. I got back nothing that showed personal investment. Here are the words of a hard-line progressive and wise veteran of the political wars: "I never loved Barack Obama. That said, among my crowd who did 'love' him, I can't think of anyone who still does." Why is Mr. Obama different from Messrs. Clinton and Bush? "Clinton radiated personality. As angry as folks got with him about Nafta or Monica, there was always a sense of genuine, generous caring." With Bush, "if folks were upset with him, he still had this goofy kind of personality that folks could relate to. You might think he was totally misguided but he seemed genuinely so. . . . Maybe the most important word that described Clinton and Bush but not Obama is 'genuine.'" He "doesn't exude any feeling that what he says and does is genuine."

Maybe Mr. Obama is living proof of the political maxim that they don't care what you know unless they know that you care. But the idea (cont. on pg 3)



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that he is aloof and so inspires aloofness may be too pat. No one was colder than FDR, deep down. But he loved the game and did a wonderful daily impersonation of jut-jawed joy. And people loved him.

The secret of Mr. Obama is that he isn't really very good at politics, and he isn't good at politics because he doesn't really get people. The other day a Republican political veteran forwarded me a hiring notice from the Obama 2012 campaign. It read like politics as done by Martians. The "Analytics Department" is looking for "predictive Modeling/Data Mining" specialists to join the campaign's "multi-disciplinary team of statisticians," which will use "predictive modeling" to anticipate the behavior of the electorate. "We will analyze millions of interactions a day, learning from terabytes of historical data, running thousands of experiments, to inform campaign strategy and critical decisions."

This wasn't the passionate, take-no-prisoners Clinton War Room of '92, it was high-tech and bloodless. Is that what politics is now? Or does the Obama re-election effort reflect the candidate and his flaws?

Mr. Obama seemed brilliant at politics when he first emerged in 2004. He understood the nation's longing for unity. We're not divided into red states and blue, he said, we're Big Purple, we can solve our problems together. Four years later he read the lay of the land perfectly—really, perfectly. The nation and the Democratic Party were tired of the Clinton machine. He came from nowhere and dismantled it. It was breathtaking. He went into the 2008 general election with a miraculously unified party and took down another machine, bundling up all the accrued resentment of eight years with one message: "You know the two losing wars and the economic collapse we've been dealing with? I won't do that. I'm not Bush."

The fact is, he's good at dismantling. He's good at critiquing. He's good at not being the last guy, the one you didn't like. But he's not good at

building, creating, calling into being. He was good at summoning hope, but he's not good at directing it and turning it into something concrete that answers a broad public desire.

And so his failures in the debt ceiling fight. He wasn't serious, he was only shrewd—and shrewdness wasn't enough. He demagogued the issue—no Social Security checks—until he was called out, and then went on the hustings spouting inanities. He left conservatives scratching their heads: They could have made a better, more moving case for the liberal ideal as translated into the modern moment, than he did. He never offered a plan. In a crisis he was merely sly. And no one likes sly, no one respects it.



### **HOUSEHOLD ECONOMICS**

*Pretty good explanation for those that do NOT see a problem with the United States' finances or have a hard time grasping the big numbers. Analogy for those that felt the S&P was too strict and out of line.....Why the US was downgraded...*

U.S. Tax revenue: \$2,170,000,000,000  
 Fed budget: \$3,820,000,000,000  
 New debt: \$ 1,650,000,000,000  
 National debt: \$14,271,000,000,000  
 Recent budget cut: \$ 38,500,000,000

This is how we explain it to the MORONS here who believe that Obama and the idiotic Democrats in DC are doing the right thing! Let's remove 8 zeros and pretend it's a household budget:

Your Annual family income: \$21,700.  
 Money the family spent: \$38,200.  
 New debt on the credit card: \$16,500.  
 Outstanding balance on the credit card: \$142,710.  
 Total budget cuts: \$385.

*This makes it very clear, doesn't it?*



## My Experience at Presidency 5

By Frank Patti, Secretary, NOVA RC

Last week I attended Presidency 5 in Orlando. It took me a couple of days to recover after I returned home but it was a great experience and fun. The first problem I had was that the reservations clerk at the hotel told me that the convention center was down the block from the hotel. It was about one mile from the hotel and cabs charged \$10.00 each way, so I walked. When I finally arrived at the convention center, there was a small group of young people protesting the Tea Party and the convention. Their signs did not make much sense and it was pouring rain but that was the extent of the left wing protest. Someone really has to teach them how to make understandable signs and that when it rains the ink runs on the signs (it was pouring rain).

The CPAC meeting was great and the Senatorial debate gave everyone a look at the candidates and better understanding of their qualifications and backgrounds. That evening we lined up for the presidential debate and I do mean lined up (long lines). Even the lines were a great way to meet other Republicans from different counties and clubs. The Fox moderators were Bret Baier, Megan Kelly and Chris Wallace who I had seen earlier. The debate was good and we all rooted for the candidate for whom we thought that we would vote. Some of our opinions were changed by Friday before the Straw Poll.

It was great to run in to the candidates in the convention center and the hotel lobby. As I was talking to Nancy Detert Herman Cain came over to us. We introduced ourselves and I said that we were waiting to see him in the Venice area and he said that he intended to come there. He is a very nice and personable man. I also ran into Rick Santorum and had a nice discussion with him while we both were

on our way to the breakfast that he was giving. I told him that he came across as very honest and he said that sometimes gets him into trouble. He took pictures with everyone at the breakfast and spoke with all of his guests. The Sarasota party at the Ice Bar was fun and a big success. Both Congressman Vern Buchanan and Rick Santorum attended and spoke to the guests. Sarasota Chairman, Joe Gruters made a great speech.

Friday was the Straw Poll and I was asked by the RPOF to be a teller. Tellers give the ballots and instructions to the county chairmen and see that everything is done properly. As I was instructing the Chairman of Collier County, someone tapped me on the shoulder and asked if I had a ballot for the governor. As I turned around I was face to face with Governor Rick Scott and of course he got a ballot. No I don't know who he voted for. Governor Rick Scott gave some great speeches and took the time to talk to the voters and take pictures with them. He was very popular with the voters at the Presidency 5.

A number of the voters were annoyed that some of the candidates did not show up before the Straw Poll to make their final presentation. Rick Santorum and Herman Cain did make presentations and got standing ovations. Herman Cain gave one of the most rousing speeches that I have heard and because of this received a lot of votes that would have gone to other candidates. Herman Cain won the straw poll because of his plans for the economy, personality and honesty. Rick Santorum also did very well in the poll. The lesson to be learned is don't take Republican voters for granted.

I think the majority of attendees had a good time and they exercised their right to assembly and free speech. A very important result for many of us was that we got to meet members



of other Republican clubs, RECs and counties. Thanks to the RPOF I think it was an exciting and very successful gathering.



## CANDIDATE LISTINGS

Interested in who's running for what offices? Listed below are some websites where you can check out who the candidates are. Did you know that there are 14 Presidential candidates from Florida? Check out this site and see who is running for what offices!

<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/candidate/CanList.asp>

Interested in local candidates, political committees or candidates financial reports? Go here:

<http://www.srgelections.com/content.aspx?id=36>

As the primary and general elections get closer, I will try to have more candidates visit us to 'make their pitch". We have Craig Miller confirmed for our November meeting. You may know that he is a candidate for the US Senate position currently held by Bill Nelson. May, 2007.



### NOVA RC CHRISTMAS DINNER

To date we have less than 50% of the allowable number of members signed up for our first annual Christmas Dinner. The dinners available are more than equal to what you would receive had you just stopped in to have dinner. Please make every attempt to join us in our first Christmas Dinner!

## ON THE SUBJECT OF MEMBERSHIP:

At the completion of each meeting I try to ask the membership to each bring another member back with them the following month. For the first two months that idea worked well, but lately there has been a slight lapse in new memberships.

Having a large club is important for several reasons. The primary reason is that a larger club provides a stronger revenue stream, which primarily comes from membership dues. Just about everything a club does has a price tag attached to it. Another reason is that speakers, and candidates especially, prefer to address larger crowds. The larger our club, the better the opportunity for the best speakers! And we should not forget that there is strength in numbers. Once again, this is the most important election cycle of our lives. And for the first time in my life I firmly believe that. I cannot bear to think of what this country will be like if the Dems win the White House.

Now that the snowbirds will soon be returning from the northern hinterlands, we all need to ensure that they know about our club and bring in some new members. Everybody knows a few folks in their neighborhood that may be interested in joining the NOVA RC. Help us gain 15 new members by the end of this year!

To this point we've had great speakers, a friendly atmosphere and a respectable turnout. Let's each make sure that we continue in this manner!

*Mike*





. **“Blue State Math” by Gerald Seib, *Wall Street Journal*, 09/27/11 (Excerpt)**

The presidential race is not decided by who wins the majority of the popular vote. Rather, each State has “electoral” votes, and the candidate who wins 270 or more of the electoral votes --wins the election.

The Democrats are counting on 18 states, plus the District of Columbia, that have voted Democratic in the past five presidential elections. These states have 242 electoral votes, or 90% of the votes needed for victory. The Republicans have only 13 states that can be counted on to vote Republican; with only 102 electoral votes. That leaves 19 “swing states” that will decide the election.

The Democrats are counting on Iowa, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Nevada and Ohio to put them over the top with their combined 39 electoral votes, for a total of 281. These states have voted democratic in 3 or 4 of the last five presidential elections.

The Republicans are hoping the weak economy and Obama’s low approval rating will change the color of several big states, such as Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. One of the most attractive is Ohio, with 18 electoral votes.

[Note: Florida has 29 electoral votes and has backed the GOP in 3 of the last 5 elections.]



### On Childrearing...

My 18-year-old walked into the living room the other day and said, "Dad, cancel my allowance immediately; rent my room out; throw all my clothes away; take my TV, stereo, iPhone, iPod, x-box, all my games and my laptop; sell my car; take my house keys away from me, and throw me out of the

house; then, disown me, and never talk to me again; and, don't forget to write me out of your will and leave my share to my brother....."

"Well, I must admit, he didn't put it exactly like that... Actually, he said, "Dad I've decided to work for Obama's re-election campaign.



### Obama Presidency Sets Historic Records (*Wall Street Journal* 09/08/11)

#### Records Set on Obama’s Watch

1. US sovereign debt downgrade: first in American history
  2. Federal spending (25% of GDP): highest since WW II
  3. Budget deficit (10% of GDP): highest since WW II
  4. Federal debt (67% of GDP): highest since just after WW II
  5. Employment (56.1% of population working): lowest since 1983
  6. Long-term unemployment (45.9% of total): highest since 1930’s
  7. Slowest job growth 26 months after a severe recession since WW II
  8. Home-ownership rate (59.7%): lowest since 1965
  9. Percentage of taxpayers paying income tax (49%): lowest in modern era
  10. Govt. dependency (47%): people receiving federal benefits - highest in US history
- ARE WE HAVING FUN YET??



**True story and most people will never know it.**

Here's an interesting side bar. After the Japanese decimated our fleet in Pearl Harbor Dec 7, 1941, they could have sent their troop ships and carriers directly to California to finish what they started. The prediction from our Chief of Staff was we would not be able to stop a massive invasion until they reached the Mississippi River . Remember, we had a 2 million man army and war ships.....all fighting the Germans. So, why did they not invade?

After the war, the remaining Japanese generals and admirals were asked that question. Their answer.....they know that almost every home had guns and the Americans knew how to use them.

The world's largest army... America's hunters! I had never thought about this....

A blogger added up the deer license sales in just a handful of states and arrived at a striking conclusion:

There were over 600,000 hunters this season in the state of Wisconsin ..

Allow me to restate that number.

Over the last several months, Wisconsin 's hunters became the eighth largest army in the world.

More men under arms than in Iran

More than in France and Germany combined.

These men deployed to the woods of a single American state to hunt with firearms, and no one was killed.

That number pales in comparison to the 750,000 who hunted the woods of Pennsylvania and Michigan 's 700,000

hunters, all of whom have now returned home.

Toss in a quarter million hunters in West Virginia and it literally establishes the fact that the hunters of those four states alone would comprise the largest army in the world. The point?

America will forever be safe from foreign invasion with that kind of home-grown firepower.

Hunting -- it's not just a way to fill the freezer. It's a matter of national security.

That's why all enemies, foreign and domestic, want to see us disarmed.

Food for thought when next we consider gun control.





*Nova Nuggett:*

For information about the club, NOVA RC, **AND** the political goings on in the Sarasota area, go to <http://www.sarasotagop.com/> . Here you can find info on our club as well as other clubs in the area.

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### Membership Form

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Your Precinct Number (Important): \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Annual dues are \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 per family. Please make checks payable to the Nokomis, Osprey and Venice Area (NOVA) Republican Club.

Please return this form with your check to: **NOVA Treasurer, Irene Gilson, P.O. Box 1351, Venice, FL. 34284-1351.**