

# WE THE PEOPLE

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*Happy New Year!!*



### Mission Statement

- The impetus for the Tea Party Movement is excessive government spending and taxation. The mission & purpose of the Palm Beach County Tea Party is:*
- ❖ *To affect public policy at local, state & national levels consistent with our core values.*
  - ❖ *To attract, educate, organize & activate people to become involved in civic affairs.*
  - ❖ *To work cooperatively with other like-minded groups.*

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## Upcoming Meetings & Events

For more information & to RSVP, please visit <http://www.palmbeachcountyteaparty.org>

**Monday, January 2 Jupiter/Palm Beach Gardens Chapter Meeting w/George Lombardi.** Buffet 6pm, meeting 7pm, \$15 pp Abacoa Golf Club

**Tuesday, January 3 Boca Raton Chapter w/US Congressman Col Allen West.** Buffet 6pm, meeting 7pm, \$15 pp Boca Greens Country Club

**No Wellington Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 10 Presidential Preference Portfolio Event** (joint event with PBCTP & SF912). Guest Moderator, WJNO's Brian Mudd. Key campaign staff will speak on behalf of their candidates. Meet & Greet 6pm, Program 6:30 First Baptist Church of WPB, 1101 S Flagler Drive. No charge, though donations welcome.

## Notes from our Chair: Pam Wohlschlegel

Hello Friends and Fellow Patriots,

It is Thursday between Christmas and New Years. I am sitting here with all but one of my 15 Christmas guests back home or heading home from our celebration in Jupiter. Our Christmas was filled with the joy of family and friends, but now I realize that I have to face 2012 and all the work that needs to be done to save our country.

I read and heard on Tuesday that President Obama plans to ask the Congress this week to raise the debt ceiling to \$16.5 trillion! He claims that this is the only way that the US can pay its bills on time. The approval is expected to go through without a challenge because the Congress is in recess and this is consistent with an agreement already reached with Congress. A few weeks ago, it appeared that Speaker Boehner and his crew were finally standing tough fiscally and would call Obama's bluff. In the end, they caved and we are

now still pushing an even bigger can down the road of time!

This weighs heavily on me and I hope that you are feeling the weight as well. As the experts keep saying, our country will not survive another four years like the past three. In fact, the decline started when the control of the US House and Senate shifted seven years ago.

Let's reverse this trend and make sure that we get solid fiscal conservatives elected to the US House and Senate in 2012!

I ask you to please support the tea party with your time and efforts starting January 2nd. If you cannot support our work with your time and effort, please support us with whatever donations you can muster. We have much to do and if not us, who is going to do it?

If you want to get involved, we are going to have a Volunteers Meeting on Monday, January 16th at 6:45pm. The location is the Total Wine & More at Legacy Place in Palm Beach Gardens. At this meeting we will discuss all the ways that you can get help in the coming months. If you can join us at this meeting or just want to talk about how to get involved, please email [info@palbeachcountyteaparty.org](mailto:info@palbeachcountyteaparty.org) or call (561) 444-8086.

Yours in hope & action,

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## Wellington Chapter's Senatorial Candidate Forum Dec. 12, 2011



Photo courtesy of Boris Balaban

Senatorial Candidates from left to right: Marielena Stuart, Ron McNeil, Deon Long, Mike McCalister

Tea Party members from the Jupiter Tea Party and the Boca Raton Tea Party joined members from the Wellington Tea Party Monday, December 12, to hear Mike McCalister, Ron McNeil, Deon Long, and Marielena Stuart, candidates for the U.S. Senate from Florida. Using a format similar to the presidential debates, the candidates differed somewhat in their approach to the various issues, but were mostly in agreement on their positions on health care; states' rights; energy; elimination of the Education, Energy, and Commerce Departments and the EPA; Balance Budget Amendment; Federal spending; the IRS/Fair Tax; Defense Authorization Bill; abolishing czars; securing the border; respecting the Constitution as a non-living

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## The Problem with Our School System is Fundamental

*By Pat Sither*

My initial intent was to write about the Palm Beach County School Board's search for a new superintendent but as I began to collect my thoughts I quickly realized that I knew little about our educational system. I was very aware that if we are to correct the direction of our Country, we must address our school system because our children are not being taught the things that secure our Country's future, namely individual freedom and self reliance. It is not only fundamental that we correct our school system, it is imperative. I think we all have heard how lacking it is and have seen it in the culture of our young people today. Over the past weeks we have seen thousands of young people gathered on Wall Street with the belief that because they have a college education, they are entitled to a job. I'm sure we all feel for those entering the work force today. However, most of us were taught that there are no guarantees in life. How is it that so many young people feel that they're entitled to a job? It wasn't like this when I graduated college. Let's start with a look at our history of education in America.

From the founding of our Nation until the 1830's, you would be hard pressed to find a school that was not Christian based. You might ask, "What has Christianity got to do with our Country's current dilemma"? The more I study our true history, the more I realize that the Judeo-Christian faith has everything to do with our current dilemma. The Bible was the foundation of our educational system for the first 400 years (if you go back to the Mayflower Compact). 187 of the first 200 colleges in America were Christian Bible teaching institutions including Harvard which, to be admitted, required a strong understanding of the Bible. One cannot talk about the history of our educational system without acknowledging the absolute influence of the Bible and Christianity on our society. The Bible was the primary book in the school system and covered a multitude of topics regarding indebtedness, coveting one's property, working hard, reliance on God (i.e. not on government) and charity. Our Founding Fathers were almost entirely of the Christian faith. In fact, nearly half were ordained ministers. It has been said that our governing documents (i.e. Bill of Rights and the Constitution) are more a reflection of the Bible than anything else. It was well understood by our Founding Fathers that if we were to remain a free people, we would need to be educated in the Christian religion. John Jay, the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court said "Only one adequate plan has ever appeared in this world, and that is the Christian dispensation". John Adams said that our Constitution was made for a moral and religious (referring to Christianity) people; it is wholly inadequate for the government of any other. And it was George Washington that said, "It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible". The idea of three branches of government came from the Bible as did the republican form of government (i.e. local, state and federal) where power was to be concentrated in the local and state governments, not the federal government. It is abundantly clear from our Founders that God

and the Bible are the basis of freedom and that freedom will not endure unless the people were taught in the Christian faith. Dr. Benjamin Rush, one of the Founding Fathers said that if we did not make the Bible the main book in our schools we would spend far too much time and money dealing with criminal behavior. If our enemy wanted to destroy us, wouldn't it make sense that they destroy our Christian heritage?

Around the mid-1800's "humanism" and "relativism" were ideologies that were gaining momentum largely through the increasing popularity of Charles Darwin's Theory of Evolution. The Theory of Evolution was becoming widely accepted throughout the world and promoted several ideas that were in conflict with Biblical teachings. One such idea was that the world was constantly changing and because God's word was absolute, it could not be relied upon. John Dewey, who is recognized as "The Father of Modern Education" was an ardent supporter of Darwin's Theory of Evolution and developed the ideas of evolutionary democracy, evolutionary education and evolutionary law. To Dewey, nothing was constant. He believed that things were to be measured, not from absolutes, but from relative perceptions, hence the term "relativism". It is interesting to note that our school system has been teaching "relative values" and that many of our children no longer have the sense of right or wrong. In Dewey's Pedagogic Creed of 1897 that was distributed to teachers, he impresses upon the teacher to concentrate not so much on previous teachings of fact but to focus on the child's own "social activities". Perhaps this may explain the emphasis on the teaching of environmentalism and of being good citizens of the planet and not as much about patriotism or duty to God, Country or family. Schools see their goals today as eliminating bigotry, prejudice and intolerance. "Humanism" is the idea that man is his own god and that the God of the Bible is irrelevant. As a "humanist" Dewey strongly opposed any teaching of God or the Bible in the public school system. After traveling to Eastern Europe where he met with others who shared his views, Dewey assisted in the writing of the "Humanist Manifesto". The "Humanist Manifesto" was a plan to change the American educational system. The ultimate aim of the manifesto, as it claimed, was to make better "social citizens" for the new world economic order. Over the years, as Dewey's system replaced the Christian teaching model that emphasized the Christian work ethic and perfecting one's God given talents, there is much evidence to confirm that it has increased the allegiance to globalism while stifling education, self reliance and patriotism.

In the early 1900's widespread government schooling had been in place for a generation. It was in the new public schools that Dewey found enthusiastic followers to promote his new social engineering. Harold Rugg at Columbia  
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**The Problem with Our School System...**

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Teachers College secured large sums of money from the Rockefeller and Carnegie foundations to promote Dewey’s ideas. Many years later the U.S. Congress formed a committee to discover how Rugg and his educators had been so successful at changing American’s opinions. Committee researcher Norman Dodd discovered that the Carnegie Endowment had formulated a policy centered on changing the teaching of the history of the United States. When the cartel approached the known historians of the day about their intentions they were rightly rejected. The group, however, with the Carnegie backing, created their set of historians and provided the American Historical Society with \$400,000 in order to create a study that would portray the future of America as belonging to collectivism administered with American efficiency.

Other occurrences in history over the past 65 years are worth noting. In 1947, in the case of Everson vs. the Board of Education, the Supreme Court ruled that the First Amendment erected a wall between church and state. In 1962 the Supreme Court banned school prayer and in 1963 the Court banned Bible teaching in the classroom.

According to John Taylor Gatto, a career teacher and author of several books on public education, claimed the intention of these foundations as well as the Columbia Teacher’s College agenda is the following;

1. The apparent intention to mold students through schooling.
2. Clear intention to eliminate tradition and scholarship.
3. To create a strong class system verging on caste.
4. Clear intention to reduce mass critical intelligence while supporting infinite specialization.
5. Clear intention to weaken parental influence.
6. Clear intention to overthrow accepted theological custom.
7. Promotion of “Perfectionism” as the purpose of existence. “Perfectionism” defined is a secular religion aimed at perfecting human nature rather than salvation or happiness.

In 1919 Columbia arranged with the Soviet government to have American teachers travel to Russia to see the “fruits” of the socialist society and how American capitalism was destined to collapse. Sadly, as the deception of socialism gained steam in the U.S. many of the church leaders abandoned Biblical teachings regarding collectivism and conformed to the movement. By the 1930’s it was clear that this new worldview was the future of American school children and to this day, revisionist history is rampant in our schools. Echoing the remarks of Karl Marx, American educator Sam Blumenfeld said, “The plain truth is that there has been in this country a deliberate plan to change the nature of American education (primarily history) so that the American people could be easily led into socialism”.

Seventy years later, the socialists continue their progressive march deeper into full scale socialism. Here’s what we have to show for our Dewey system of modern education;

- An average \$11,819 spent per pupil in Florida.
- Bloated, wasteful and inefficient administrative bureaucracies controlled by powerful teacher unions.
- Lack of community or parental involvement.
- Dismal test scores.
- Frequent violence.

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## The Problem with Our School System... (Continued)

- High dropout rates.
- Curricula that is faddish and lacking in time-tested material.
- Aggressive promotion of politically correct secular values.

There is little doubt that our educational system is on a downward spiral. Among industrialized nations, the U.S. ranks near the bottom and many third world nations rank above the U.S.

There is hope and there are ways people can effect change. Learn about our educational system and get involved.

**Become Informed:** The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, founded by economists Milton and Rose Friedman, is a great organization that promotes a voucher system. As noted above, the public school system spends, on average, nearly \$12,000 per year per student. The voucher system requires the state provide, say \$6,000 to the parent to send their child to the school of their choice. The state will save \$6,000 per child. Several states have embraced the voucher system and it is gaining momentum. Governor Rick Scott just signed a bill expanding Florida's voucher system. Please visit the Friedman Foundation website at [www.EdChoice.org](http://www.EdChoice.org). The Odysseus Group is another organization founded by John Taylor Gatto and Roland Legiardi-Laura in 1991 and is tasked with promoting debate and discussion regarding education. Gatto was a thirty-year school teacher that authored several books regarding the failings of our educational system. The website is [www.johntaylorgatto.com](http://www.johntaylorgatto.com). Other websites that are informative are;

- [www.westernconservatory.com](http://www.westernconservatory.com)
- [www.wallbuilders.com](http://www.wallbuilders.com)
- [www.christianparents.com](http://www.christianparents.com)
- [www.improve-education.org](http://www.improve-education.org)

**Get Involved:** The Palm Beach County School Board, composed of seven school districts, is seeking to fill the position of Superintendent that was vacated by Dr. Art Johnson. They will be making a decision around the first quarter of next year. One of the responsibilities of the superintendent is to "recommend courses of study and instructional aides (textbooks)". The Board is requesting input from the community. Send the board members an email requesting that they hire someone who supports the teaching of our true American history and the teaching of the principles of individual freedom and patriotism. Demand that they use original sources and not textbooks that have been revised to suit the progressives. Demand they teach the history of socialism and communism and the millions of people that have been murdered under such ideologies. Tell them that you will not stand for political correctness to be thrust upon our children. Tell them to teach the American culture and not multiculturalism. Tell them to teach the truth about Global Warming and environmentalism. Go to [www.palmbeachschools.org](http://www.palmbeachschools.org) and let them know how you feel. As many of you know, our Country has been under attack from the inside for a long time and it will take a long time to regain what we had only 20 years ago. Winning back our schools is imperative!

**Wellington Senatorial Candidate Forum  
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document and term limits. The passion of the candidates regarding their views was evident throughout, with the audience showing its approval with frequent applause. It is quite clear that the four favor less spending, a smaller government, and states' rights and they believe the tax system has gone



eschew as has government spending. Few questions were asked on social or defense issues. In their five minute closing statements, Ms. Stuart volunteered that she was pro-life, opposed to same sex marriage and supported the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. The presentations left no doubt the four are conservative and that they believe our



government is out of control and the Constitution is being trashed. An enthusiastic crowd mobbed the candidates at the end of the evening, congratulating them on their performance, which was by any measurement impressive, and thanking them for presenting themselves to the public.



*Photos Courtesy of Boris Balaban*

**Valid Reasons for Limited Government**

*By Austin Porfiri Boca Chapter Member*

In their zeal to prevail in all things governing our society liberal progressives have almost succeeded in transforming our **republic** into a **democracy**, or a dictatorship of the majority. The danger here is that the individual is loses his sovereignty to the will of the majority.

Liberal generated political correctness and ignorance has clouded the reality that our founding fathers labored under a Judeo-Christian philosophy; they could not help themselves but believe a higher authority would always prevail in guiding its citizens in knowing and following the golden rule. Because of human weakness, born out of temptations, this proved to be insufficient.

Out of the window went prayer in school, **perhaps with good reason**, and in came **statutory** rules as an attempt to legislate morality. And the rules kept coming, 22,000 pages in IRS regulations, for example. Had the concepts of governance of our founding fathers prevailed, today, a 5% tithing of income would have sufficed to provide for all the rightful duties of our federal government. Floods of legislation eventually ensued that has affected every aspect of individual freedom, a.k.a. statutory gridlock.

Once upon a time a person that was blessed with intelligence and initiative could walk into a bank, talk freely with a banker about his American dream and, very often with a handshake, he or she could raise the capital needed to pursue an objective. Try that today! Legal compliance at every turn would discourage even the most determined. Do you wonder why we have so much joblessness today?

As tea party members we acknowledge our beloved country is a combination of a republic and a democracy that needs severe correction with much less, not more statutory regulation. We can see the competing forces in Washington at a tug of war, neither side gaining or losing. We see a very dangerous entitlement mentality as a scourge replacing voluntary contributions. We also see a warping of priorities at all levels of governance, and gamming the governmental systems has replaced respect for rules and regulations.

We are not deterred, rather, we are involved and resolved to shed the light on issues. We try to understand the broad scope of what impedes an otherwise fluid system of government that has been the envy of the earth.

For your edification please Google: Republic vs. Democracy. You can expand and relate your own observations of our current political situation and probably agree changes are in order for 2012 elections.



To submit an article for the Palm Beach County Tea Party monthly newsletter, *We The People*, please email Janeen Capizola, [Jcapinit@aol.com](mailto:Jcapinit@aol.com). Submissions

should be kept to a single page and must be based on the Tea Party 3 Principles, Fiscal Responsibility, Limited Government & Free Markets!

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Socialism is a philosophy of failure,

the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy,

its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery.."

-- Winston Churchill

These are possibly the 5 best sentences you'll ever read: Unfortunately, most voters don't know this.

1. You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity, by legislating the wealth out of prosperity.
2. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.
3. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.
4. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it.
5. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them; and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work, because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation.

## Grey-Haired Brigade

They like to refer to us as senior citizens, old fogies, geezers, and in some cases dinosaurs. Some of us are "Baby Boomers" getting ready to retire. Others have been retired for some time. We walk a little slower these days and our eyes and hearing are not what they once were. We have worked hard, raised our children, worshiped our God and grown old together. Yes, we are the ones some refer to as being over the hill, and that is probably true. But before writing us off completely, there are a few things that need to be taken into consideration.

In school we studied English, history, math, and science, which enabled us to lead America into the technological age. Most of us remember what outhouses were, many of us with firsthand experience. We remember the days of telephone party lines, 25 cent gasoline, and milk and ice being delivered to our homes. For those of you who don't know what an icebox is, today they are electric and referred to as refrigerators. A few even remember when cars were started with a crank. Yes, we lived those days.

We are probably considered old fashioned and outdated by many. But there are a few things you need to remember before completely writing us off. We won World War II, fought in Korea and Viet Nam. We can quote The Pledge of Allegiance, and know where to place our hand while doing so. We wore the uniform of our country with pride and lost many friends on the battlefield. We didn't fight for the Socialist States of America; we fought for the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave." We wore different uniforms but carried the same flag. We know the words to the Star Spangled Banner, America, and America the Beautiful by heart, and you may even see some tears running down our cheeks as we sing. We have lived what many of you have only read about in history books and we feel no obligation to apologize to anyone for America.

Yes, we are old and slow these days but rest assured, we have at least one good fight left in us. We have loved this country, fought for it, and died for it, and now we are going to save it. It is our country and nobody is going to take it away from us. We took oaths to defend America against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and that is an oath we plan to keep. There are those who want to destroy this land we love but, like our founders, there is no way we are going to remain silent.

It was mostly the young people of this nation who elected Obama and the Democratic Congress. You fell for the "Hope and Change" which in reality was nothing but "Hype and Lies." You have tasted socialism and seen evil face to face, and have found you don't like it after all. You make a lot of noise, but most are all too interested in their careers or "Climbing the Social Ladder" to be involved in such mundane things as patriotism and voting. Many of those who fell for the "Great Lie" in 2008 are now having buyer's remorse. With all the education we gave you, you didn't have sense enough to see through the lies and instead drank the 'Cool-Aid.' Now you're paying the price and complaining about it. No jobs, lost mortgages, higher taxes, and less freedom. This is what you voted for and this is what you got. We entrusted you with the Torch of Liberty and you traded it for a paycheck and a fancy house.

Well, don't worry youngsters, the Grey-Haired Brigade is here, and in 2012 we are going to take back our nation. We may drive a little slower than you would like but we get where we're going, and in 2012 we're going to the polls by the millions. *This land does not belong to the man in the White House nor to the likes of Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid. It belongs to "We the People" and "We the People plan to reclaim our land and our freedom.* We hope this time you will do a better job of preserving it and passing it along to our grandchildren. *So the next time you have the chance to say the Pledge of Allegiance, Stand up, put your hand over your heart, honor our country, and thank God for the old geezers of the "Grey-Haired Brigade."*

Author, Anon. Grey-Haired Brigade Member

*\*Mel's Mish Mosh articles are from a variety of unknown Internet sources and emails! Enjoy!*

## Tee Time! Special Rates for Palm Beach County Tea Partiers

A very special Thank You to our Vice President, Mel Grossman, who arranged for special prices for Tea Party Members!

Golf at beautiful Binks Forest Golf Club on Binks Forest Drive in Wellington! Special price is for Tea Party Members ONLY!

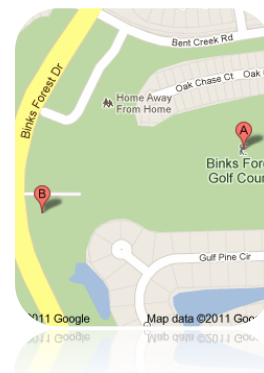
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\$44.00 Monday-Thursday

\$49.00 Friday-Sunday

\*Call Mel if you would like to arrange foursomes:

561-627-2774



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Wellington, Florida 33414  
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(561) 333-5731  
*mention Tea Party Rates*

### Join Our Palm Beach County Tea Party Teams

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**Oversight Team** (federal, state, or local) -- Pick an elected official, a legislative body, a candidate, or an issue you are interested in and track them like a bloodhound. Share any news and/or blogs you consider important. When you find information we should know, send it to us and we will send your information out to our membership, post it on our websites, Facebook, etc.

**Media Contact Team** -- This is an exciting new team where you will interact with specific media! You will follow and provide responses to articles, posts, etc.

**Connect Team** -- This is a critical team where you welcome new members and integrate them into PBCTP. It's a great way to meet new people and tap into their passion directing them to the right activity within the Tea Party

**Social Media Team** -- Help plan and implement training courses -- for our members so they are more savvy tapping into social media tools like Facebook, Twitter, and our website. Create strategies to effectively use these new media to effectively get our message out.

**Operation Reach Out Team** -- Reach out into the business community, colleges, nursing homes, and special shows like Antique Shows, meeting with private organizations, etc.

**Fundraising** -- We have a robust fundraising team that is working on two big fundraisers, a Gold Party and Fashion Show. We need more ideas and help on implementation of ideas.

**Event Planning Team**-- Help plan monthly meetings, candidate forums, special movie nights, rallies, etc.

