



### *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.*

# *We The People*



**Fiscal Responsibility ♦ Limited Government ♦ Free Markets**

<http://www.PalmBeachCountyTeaParty.org>

## **Important Upcoming Events**

**Monday December 12, US SENATORIAL CANDIDATES' FORUM. COMBINED MEETING of Boca Chapter, Jupiter/PBG Chapter & Wellington Chapter.**

*Come out and meet 5 of the 9 US Senate Candidates along with guest moderator, Jim Sackett, WPTV NewsChannel5 anchor.*

**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Fashion Show & Luncheon Has been **POSTPONED** until January 2012. However, you may still RSVP on our website.

For more information & to RSVP for these events, visit

<http://www.palmbeachcountyteaparty.org>

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## Notes from our Chair

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### *What do we do now?*

Today I was listening to Stuart Varney. He announced that by noon today the US will reach a milestone of \$15 trillion in total debt. We will also pay \$454 billion in interest on debt this year! Since Jan 2009 when President Obama was inaugurated, our debt has risen \$4 trillion. In the three months since the Super Committee convened, our debt has risen \$400 billion yet they are struggling to find cuts of \$400 billion!

According to Rep. Leonard Lance (R), the individual burden of that debt would be "\$47,900 for every living American. "Washington now borrows approximately 40 percent of every dollar it spends."

On top of all this, I also heard that there are 20+ bills lingering in the Senate that would create tens of thousands of jobs but Mr. Reid and President Obama will not address them for political reasons. Specifically, they do not want to lose any more of the progressive support by being seen to agree to any part of a conservative agenda. Rather, they would rather continue to lie to their constituents by saying it is the Republicans and tea party movement that are keeping them from creating jobs with more government spending.

I also heard Alan Colmes totally marginalize the tea party movement. In the same segment, someone said that a "leaderless" movement cannot be effective in the long run.

This bad economic news and adversity can be very depressing and demotivating. What can we, average, usually non-political people, accomplish in this environment? What can the tea party movement accomplish to right the ship?

Here are my thoughts. The liberal press and the progressive politicians can marginalize the tea party movement but we are not going away! Our strength is in the fact that we don't have one leader, that each of us is a leader and an independent thinker. Because of this, we can address our local communities in the way that is appropriate for our demographics and local issues. We are not "one program fits all"!

Where do we go from here? We will have a Senatorial Candidate Forum on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> in Wellington. Because we want all of our Palm Beach County Tea Party members to attend this forum, we are cancelling our regularly scheduled monthly meetings in Boca Raton and Jupiter/Palm Beach Gardens. This forum will be at Binks Forest Golf Club in Wellington on the night of our regularly scheduled Wellington Chapter Meeting. This will be an excellent opportunity for everyone to vet senatorial candidates on key issues.

We also have a team working on developing Voter Guides for the Presidential Primary. These guides will provide voters with candidate stances on key issues. We will need help distributing hard copies and electronic copies, so please let us know if you spare some time to help with this very important project. You will be overwhelmed with joy when you go to the polls and see someone taking in the Voter Guide that you distributed!

There is much that you can do no matter what your time limitations:

- Start with reading our website and Facebook postings so that you have ammunition when a friend or family member spouts progressive "facts".
- Second, come to our meetings and listen to our informative speakers.
- Third, help the tea party movement in our efforts to educate even more people.

Yours in hope & action,

Pam Wohlschlegel

## PALM BEACH COUNTY TEA PARTY MAKES A SPLASH AT THE FL TEA PARTY CONVENTION!

By Alex Berry

Blustery winds and mild temperatures in the high sixties welcomed more than a dozen members of the Palm Beach County Tea Party to Daytona Beach on the weekend of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>. The statewide convention for Tea Party groups like ours was a definite success, with more than 1,500 people converging in Daytona for the event. I arrived before dinnertime on Friday, the 4<sup>th</sup>.

The display outside of the convention center upon my arrival was a snapshot of the disparity that currently grips our great country. This polarization is the war between those who believe we need more, bigger government that will give away handouts and entitlements, and those of us in the Tea Party, who clearly see the incredibly corrosive effects of this style of government—in our culture, moral system, monetary system, and the undermining of the American family. Outside the entrance to the center were union demonstrators against Rick Scott- and, obviously, anyone who is FOR the Tea Party, or any group that supports fiscal responsibility.



*Photo Courtesy of Boris Balaban*

good food in the cavernous main convention room. During the days, there were many educational track sessions to help train us on many of the issues—like Agenda 21, for example. Ron DeSantis gave a great talk during one of these sessions, filling in as a last minute replacement, whose theme was concurrent with his new book, “Dreams From Our Founding Fathers: First Principals in the Age of Obama” (Look for him to be a speaker in Boca in early 2012, by the way!).

The hallways of the convention center were populated with several exhibitors of products and causes that were very friendly to our core principals. Everything from Americans for Prosperity to the 1787 Network, to AMAC—the conservative alternative to the ultra-liberal AARP—along with various clothing vendors, and other sundry items were all on display. It was good to see candidates like Col. Mike McCalister chatting it up with the passersby. It is somewhat unfortunate that more candidates did not make a live, physical appearance at the event—if for no other reason, just to show respect for the movement, and how it is helping them. The sponsors, such as PBCTP, had a display booth in the sponsor room. The foot traffic was on the light side, but we met many interesting people from other Tea Party organizations, as well as representatives from a host of candidates, and even Janine Turner’s radio show.

The Tea Party Patriots were there, as well—on Sunday morning, our own Florida State Coordinator of TPP, and Founder of the PBCTP, Pam Wohlschlegel, met with TPP Co-Founder Jenny Beth Martin for a productive time of further training and education. It was a great time of fellowship and bonding to help solidify our relationship with this excellent national group.

The Presidential forum was to take place on Sunday—only Rick Santorum showed up. He was excellent, but it was a bit disappointing that Newt Gingrich and Herman Cain only phoned in—and the session basically had the interviewer re-ask each key question, since they were not all on at once. It was still worthwhile and illuminating. We certainly all learned more about Rick Santorum. It is hard to imagine- the Tea Party is about as influential a movement has ever been within politics in general, not just the GOP. And, here we are in a state that often determines the outcome of NATIONAL elections, yet most of the candidates decided they had better things to do than to participate in the debate. It may be they felt they had already left their respective marks here in Florida at the Presidency 5 event just a few weeks earlier.

In any event, it was a great time, in a relaxed atmosphere, to just get to know each other better just within the ranks of us here at the Palm Beach County Tea Party. I had a great time chatting further with Mel, Ron, and Dan—and many others! I can officially tell you that a good time was had by all, and I recommend that we get as many to go as we possibly can for events like this!



*Photo Courtesy of Boris Balaban*

Slip Rick” were prevalent amongst the dozen or so teacher union protestors. I was struck with the irony of the bumper stickers on the cars in the city parking lot—with liberal protester cars parked right next to cars clearly owned by our Tea Party brothers and sisters. It is a sobering reminder that THIS is the world we live in now—no longer is there simply disagreement (with civility) regarding the outcomes of various policies or programs, but rather, wholesale ideological shifts. One can see the civility in our discourse disintegrate right before our eyes.

The event itself was marked by great speakers like Pamela Geller, G. Edward Griffin, Lloyd Marcus, Sheriff Mack, and many more—all while we gathered for surprisingly

COMBINED MEETING OF JUPITER/PBG, BOCA & WELLINGTON CHAPTERS

**US SENTATORIAL CANDIDATES' FORUM**  
with special guest moderator, **Jim Sackett**  
WPTV News Channel 5 Anchor



**Jim Sackett**



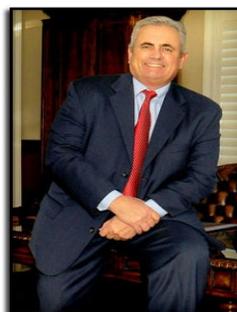
**Ron McNeil**



**Deon Long**



**Mike McCalister**



**Craig Miller**



**Marielena Stuart**

After a formal Question and Answer period, guests will have the opportunity to ask the candidates their questions. Please join us:

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Binks Forest Golf Club**

**400 Binks Forest Drive**

**Wellington, FL 33414**

**Doors open 5:30pm**

**Buffet Dinner 6:00pm (\$15 per person)**

**Meeting 7:00pm**

**Please RSVP**

<http://palmbeachcountyteaparty.org/2011/11/senatorial-candidate-forum/>

*\*Waiting on confirmation from Candidate Connie Mack*

## BOCA CHAPTER UPDATE

The Palm Beach County Tea Party's Boca Chapter has been quite active and busy as the chapter that has the first Dinner/Speaker Event of each month, often setting the tone for the other two chapters for that given month. In November, we featured senatorial candidate George LeMieux, who truly surprised the audience with just how good he was as someone who genuinely embraces the core principals of the Tea Party. With another big crowd in attendance, all who attended were enriched with the irreplaceable feeling of being involved in the process—of actually taking part in making our voices heard. An interactive session of questions and answers created a true feeling of having a genuine influence on what happens in our political process.

Directly on heels of this event was the Florida Tea Party Convention, which occurred in Daytona Beach on November 4<sup>th</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>. It was truly excellent, and a wrap-up of that event can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

The last tidbit of news from the Boca Chapter has to do with the Young Patriot effort that is slowly developing within our ranks. When I think back in my life about my involvement in politics when I was in my late teens or early twenties, I can honestly tell you that it occupied a very small sliver of my consciousness. Many things are happening to kids at that age, and while their political ideology is far from unimportant, it has a tendency to not take “center-stage” in their lives during that phase of life. Therefore, I implore my brothers and sisters in our great cause to not be overly discouraged in the pace of the development of this program, which can seem discouragingly slow to those of us who are aware of the dire circumstances of our country's financial condition, and what the actual stakes are in all of this—especially for our young people. They are waking up to the realities that we know, but “Rome was not built in a day”. Please stay tuned to our website for further information and events for our Young Patriots, and feel free to contact me directly, if you wish to get involved, or can help this effort.

Because the Candidate Forum by the Palm Beach County Tea Party happens on December 12<sup>th</sup> at Binks Forest Country Club in Wellington, and with the onset of the holidays before us, we have suspended our usual Boca Chapter Dinner/Speaker Event for the month of December, opting instead to fold it into this one event for all three chapters to unify and enjoy at one location, at one time. This event, MC'ed by former WPTV News Anchor, Jim Sackett, should be a fitting cap to the end of the year of 2011.



*Photo Courtesy of Boris Balaban*

The Boca Chapter looks forward to great progress in 2012, and spectacular events that YOU can participate in throughout the year. Please remember, we are constantly looking for like-minded patriots to GET INVOLVED on a continual basis with our leadership group in Boca to help us educate—and electrify—the voter base in our midst locally here in Boca! Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year!

## Defining Ourselves as Tea Party Members

By Austin Porfiri (Member, Boca Chapter)



Progressive liberal ideologues, fueled by compatriots in the blessed liberal media, have attempted to define us in many unflattering ways. This would be of relatively little consequence except for the fact there are many ordinary and well meaning Americans too eager to believe the liberal media primarily because they have never fully understood what we are about. It is our responsibility to set the record straight by setting forth facts as we understand the issues. We believe this liberal progressive ideology has damaged our country in countless ways, the most egregious of which are excesses in governance to the point where job creation efforts are stymied unnecessarily.

First, we must understand that the dynamics of progressive liberalism is almost exclusively fed by apathy of the general public, who having food on the table, a roof overhead, is quite content to allow mass communications to run amok on a parallel track of life so long as there is no conflict with their tranquility. When you add to the foregoing scenario the millions of fellow Americans who feel the pain of joblessness, liberal progressives lay a greased gullibility track for those born of circumstance and hopelessness that are eager to embrace anything that promises salvation.

Our task is not an easy one when we are dealing with adversaries who, as a matter of principle seldom acknowledge facts as being truths. Generally, a true progressive liberal knows no shame, is never guilty by denying personal responsibility, and never admits anyone with a different opinion has any merit in an argument. We are talking core beliefs not personality aberrations.

The main goal of progressive liberals is to gain power in government, by whatever means, in order to create a society to their liking regardless of what the majority wants.

The liberal media has constantly portrayed the Tea Party members in congress as obstructionist, heartless, mean spirited, who are bent on the destroying the environment, are enemies of the children, disabled, senior citizens, and all things living on earth and under the sea all in a effort to denigrate the concept of conservatism. Through the years legislation, enacted by both parties, has managed to bloat our government with agencies, bureaucracies, czars, oversight committees, etc. This is one of the main reasons job creation has been stymied. This is why Tea Party Members believe in LIMITED GOVERNMENT.

A bloated government is inherently financially irresponsible. Our national debt is almost unsustainable. Political cronyism, corruption, willful neglect, undue influence of vested interests, entitlement mentalities of ordinary citizens, just to name a few reasons we take exception to the status quo, regardless of the party in power. This is why we in the Tea Party insist our elected officials, at every level of government, embrace FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY in all affairs of government.

Everyone is aware there are legitimate competing forces in any free society. The current life blood of the USA is free market trade within our boundaries and with neighboring or distant countries. Properly and fairly conducted free trade results in increased

employment, better international relations, and sourcing for required materiel.

Free trade requires close oversight to guard against abuse through job losses or undue internal influence of vested interests by delaying the deployment of agreements. Our elected officials must understand and embrace what we feel is a vital economic component of our general welfare. The Tea Party believes in FREE MARKETS because it will aid in job creation and greatly reduce our national debt.

It is quite tempting to simplify very complex issues of governance. It is right, just, and holy; however, to claim our identity as to who we really are and be justifiably angered when we are characterized as less worthy citizens by those with whom we have disagreement.

### Did You Know That?

By Nancy Boyman (Member, Boca Chapter)

**BREAKING: Entire Case File On Brian Terry Killing Missing** by *Ulsterman on November 15, 2011* An unbelievable development even for the inept and non-cooperative Obama /Holder Department of Justice, reports are now breaking of the entire case file of the killers responsible for slain U.S. Border Agent Brian Terry have disappeared - possibly sealed for an -as yet-unknown reason by a federal judge.

**Harry Reid is a BUSY Guy - Tonopah Solar Co.** in Nevada is getting a mere \$737 million loan from Obama's DOE. **The project will create 45 jobs at the cost of \$16 million per job.** AND who is the executive director? **Ron Pelosi, who is Nancy's brother-in-law** from PCG, one of the investment partners in Tonopah.

## VOTER APATHY & ITS COST

By Austin Porfiri (Member, Boca Chapter)



“Go make a difference, you can make a difference” as the song goes, should become the Tea Party rallying song. As members we must believe, with fervor, that our organization is committed to electing candidates at all levels of government who will champion our objectives of fiscal responsibility, free markets and limited government. Obviously, before anyone can do anything to our liking, they must get elected. For this they need our support.

Throwing up our hands saying “nothing will change no matter who is elected” is a cop out that plays into the hands of our worst adversaries. I don’t think anyone in our organization needs to be convinced that the “status quo” we are experiencing will necessarily self correct by a change in political parties. This is a myth at best but, really, is a regressive mentality that denies the power of the ballot which happens to be the greatest asset of freedom loving Americans. This power is given to the candidates through knowledge of our common beliefs. We now need to link up political aspirants, regardless of party affiliation, to the principles for which we stand which are necessarily embedded or implied in our constitution.

For too many years too many of us were engaged in our professions or pursued business opportunities or as diligent employees, we

sought not to make waves, politically, less we caused more problems that we would be able to solve. The cumulative result of our egregious omissions of citizenship has resulted in, possibly, the worst period of governance in our nation’s history. Our failure was characterized by substituting political loyalty for a total vetting process of the candidates. We gave a new definition to the word apathy which has resulted in a bloated inept government, bent on spending like it has never felt any fiscal pain and one that has adopted weird, non sense policies that were custom made for special interest at the expense of job opportunities, economic growth and fiscal viability.

Our Tea Party, as evidenced by the results of the 2010 national elections, by the power of the now organized “quiet citizens” has turned the election process on its ear much to the discomfort and fear of progressive liberals, who usually know no shame, and who now can no longer count on the carefree, dumb, and happy amongst us who typically endorsed candidates out of party loyalty. The progressive liberal agenda needs to be relegated to the proverbial dust bin of history. In addition to money it has nearly cost us our freedom. Now that we are awakened we ought to be able to at least take a hint. Get involved!



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, if possible, and must be based on one of the Tea Party 3 Principles: *Fiscal Responsibility, Limited Government & Free Markets!*



Tea Party Team Meeting!



Photos Courtesy of Ed Wolff

## Join Our Palm Beach County Tea Party Teams

- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Newsletter Team** -- If your passion is writing, we need you! Member submissions are welcome!
- ♦ **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.

If you are interested in joining any or all of the Teams, please contact us!

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(A Team Leader will return messages promptly)

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