



Tiger Growls

Suncoast Tiger Bay Club — “Carving Up” a politician for lunch since 1978.

PRESIDENT’S NOTES



Jerri Evans
President

Hello Tigers!

W h e w , what a whirlwind we are on here at Suncoast Tiger Bay. We have a search committee underway to assist the board in hiring a new independent

contractor for our Executive Director position. It is time again for Board Member nominations and for current board members to indicate their willingness to serve as officers for 2009. It is also time for Benjamin Franklin and Grassroots Award selections. Add to that the continuing work on the 30th Anniversary Event and the fact that it is almost time for the annual meeting and membership renewals! See what I mean, it is a whirlwind.

It is hard to believe that I have almost completed my second year as your President. I have been on the board for almost as many years as our very capable and dependable Executive Director has been with the Club. Some days I reflect on my time as President and I can hardly believe that it has been almost two years; other days I reflect and it feels like many more!

What I always come back to when I reflect is how thankful I am to the Search Committee that found and employed Tami. As all of you know by now, Tami will not be renewing her contract with the Suncoast Tiger Bay Club at the end of this year. Tami's decision – while depressing to the Board –

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HAPPY 30TH ANNIVERSARY SUNCOAST TIGER BAY CLUB!

Celebrating Four Decades of Florida Politics

Friday, October 10, 2008

6:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception (Cash Bar)

7:00 p.m. Dinner & Entertainment

Emceed by the Hon. Robert Stewart

St. Petersburg Yacht Club

11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg

Members should have received mailed invitations.

For any questions or more information, call (727) 743-6262

Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections CANDIDATES' FORUM

Friday, October 24, 2008

12:00 Noon - 1:15 p.m.

St. Petersburg Yacht Club

11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg



Deborah Clark

COUNT EVERY VOTE!!

Change is the key word in the 2008 campaign and change is what has happened with respect to voting procedures in Florida since the 2008 elections. After the “perfect tie” in the 2008 election, the Florida legislature completely revamped the voted process and election laws. Hanging chads and dimpled chads led to Pinellas abandoning punch card voting and adopting touch screens. Concerns about lack of a paper trail led to the abandonment of touch screens and the adoption of optical scan systems. Will voters be confused by the constant change in how they cast their ballot? Are the electronic voting systems secure? Should “early voting” be extended to more than just three locations? Will absentee ballots determine the outcome of the elections or will many voters find their absentee ballots won't be counted because of failure to comply with state election law? Join us on October 24th as incumbent Republican Supervisor of elections **Deborah Clark** squares off with her Democratic challenger **Jack Killingsworth**.



Jack Killingsworth

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Make your voice heard by making your reservations today. **RSVP DEADLINE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21**

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Name: _____ Tiger #: _____

Oct. 24 Special Meal(s) **Deadline: Tuesday, Oct. 21**

Guest(s): _____

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed (for mailed reservations only)

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came as no surprise to us either. We have watched Tami grow not only in her abilities with our Club but also in her other endeavors outside of our Club. While serving our Club Tami has also been a Board President, as well as having other leadership positions with other organizations, never once letting her Suncoast Tiger Bay Board down or missing a deadline.

Over the years many members and guests have come up to me to say what a great program we held or how well everything went, i.e. seamlessly. I must give Tami the credit she is due. I cannot speak for how other Presidents valued or used Tami's skills, but for me, I can tell you that Tami is the reason I look good at that podium. Tami is the reason the speakers and their guests think that everything is seamless. Tami makes it seamless. Yes, there are typically problems that occur at every meeting. Too many walk-ins; meal issues; parking issues; and the list goes on and on. You have never seen any indication that things were not smooth sailing. That is because of Tami.

At Board meetings, Tami knows the historical background of the Suncoast Tiger Bay Club, because she chose to learn it by going over all the past records. Tami posts all of our agendas, financial documents and the minutes from the prior meeting. She keeps us, the Board, informed and able to go forward with our business in a timely, professional manner. Tami even attends most of our committee meetings, even hosting them at her office so that she can stay on top of all the activity, and there is a lot of it (just look at the first paragraph of this article).

So in closing, I would like to personally THANK Tami for all she has done not just for me but all of Suncoast Tiger Bay and to say that she will be truly missed in the Executive Director position.

-Jerri

FANG & CLAW AWARDS

One of the most coveted benefits of membership is the ability to participate in Question and Answer sessions with our guest speakers. Let's see whose claws have been sharpest lately:



Member **Paul Tash** (center) won the prize on 9/10 for asking Pinellas Co. Property Appraiser candidates **Ben Friedlander-D** (L) and **Pam Dubov-R** (R) what policies they'd put in place regarding appraising the boss' property.



Member **Tammy Moore** (2nd from left) won the tiger on 9/25 for asking Pinellas Co. Sheriff candidates **Jim Coats-R** (L), **Randall Jones-D** (2nd from R) and **Gregory Pound-NP** (R) whether they'd hire their opponent(s) if elected.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS ON THIS MONTH'S PROGRAMS:

- Oct 10 **30th Anniversary Celebration: Four Decades of Florida Politics**, at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club
- Oct 24 **Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Candidates' Forum**, Deborah Clark (R), and Jack Killingsworth (D) at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club

Visit the web site for the most up-to-date information:

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NEW TIGERS!

LARRY BIDDLE
PAMELA BURT
PAMELA D'ALMEIDA
ANDY GANGADHARAN
GEORGE GONZALES
KATHY HAMILTON
BARBARA SPOFFORD

WELCOME!

We look forward to your active participation and your tough questions in the Tigers' Den!

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