



Martin County Republican Executive Committee Newsletter

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Dear fellow Republicans:

As 2010 comes to an end, we will remember it as the year Republicans capitalized on an invigorated grassroots base to take control of over 60+ US House Seats. President Obama overestimated his "mandate" from 2008 and presided over a nationwide "shellacking" of the Democratic Party. Millions of conservative voices, in virtually every election battleground, came together to send a clear message to Washington and the Nancy Pelosi liberals in Congress – "We Have Had Enough."

We will remember how a true Florida conservative, Senator-elect Marco Rubio, defeated a Governor who turned his back on the Republican Party, leading voters to turn their backs on him at the polls. We helped to reclaim the Governor's Mansion with another conservative, Governor-elect Rick Scott. Florida also made a clean sweep of all cabinet seats by electing Republicans Pam Bondi, Jeff Atwater, and Adam Putnam. The statewide defeats were so overwhelming it led to the replacement of the Florida Democratic Party Chair.

Rep. Gayle Harrell was returned to Florida's House of Representatives by handily defeating a Democrat with the lowest rating given this year by the Florida Chamber of Commerce. Rep. Will Snyder returned to the House unopposed and was recently appointed Chair of the Judiciary Committee. Statewide, Florida elected every Republican legislator back into office and took away from the Democrats two State House seats and one State Senate seat, achieving a super-majority in both the House and Senate.

For Congress, CD 16 returned Tom Rooney to Congress. Allen West won a much deserved victory, ousting Ron Klein from CD 19. And to the delight of all, longtime state legislator Daniel Webster drubbed first-term Democratic Rep. Alan Grayson by a double-digit margin in a nationally-watched contest in central Florida's CD 8.

Martin County returned Republicans to office in every locally contested seat, continuing to hold all five county commission seats.

In 2012, we expect to face a Democratic party stinging from their national rebuke – desperately intent on keeping control of the Senate and White House to advance their far-left agenda at the expense of taxpayers – including Obamacare, Cap-and-trade, and card-check for unions. We have a lot to do in order to ensure that the next President of the United States is a Republican, and we need to elect leaders who will turn back from these disastrous policies. I am confident that we can do it with all of us working together, and united towards that goal.

As we leave 2010 and look toward 2011, the next year promises to be very busy. We will elect a new RPOF Chairman; the RNC will either return Michael Steele to another term as Chairman, or elect his successor; redistricting will commence; Republicans will begin announcing their intentions to run for President, and US Senate hopefuls will line up for the chance to defeat Bill Nelson; and Florida Republicans will prepare to host the 2012 Republican National Convention in Tampa.

To all, enjoy this holiday season. Pray for our troops and their families who sacrifice so much for our nation. Thank you to all who made the 2010 elections a success. Have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a happy and prosperous New Year. It is indeed an honor to be your Chairman.

Mark Klingensmith, Chairman

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