



The National Grassroots Organization of Republicans for Environmental Protection

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FLORIDA CHAPTER OF REPUBLICANS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (REP AMERICA)

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Florida Chapter of REP America welcomes eleven (11) new members this quarter. Some of our new friends include:

- TJ Fish, Tavares
- Scott Blankenship, Clermont
- Senator Burt Saunders, Naples
- Loula Parks, Montverde

We'd like to introduce all our new members. So new members please send us a few lines about yourself and we'll highlight you in our next newsletter.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual chapter meeting will be held on January 13, 2006 at the Tradewinds Resort in St Petersburg from 10am – 3pm. The address is:

TradeWinds Island Grand
5500 Gulf Boulevard
St. Pete Beach, Florida 33706
727-367-6461

Please mark this date. Please RSVP (sparks@esinc.cc or 407-453-9511) by January 4, 2006. Guest speakers include TJ Fish AICP, Director of the Lake-Sumter MPO who will speak on transportation and the environment, and Charles G. Pattison, AICP, Executive Director, 1000 Friends of Florida. We will also be presenting the 2006 *Green Elephant Awards*. The registration fee is \$30 and includes lunch and refreshments. This is your

best chance to discuss the environmental issues that matter most and participate in shaping the Chapter's 2007 plan.

IN MEMORIAM

Please keep the family of Ms. Betty Talburt in your thoughts and prayers. Betty was our Chapter Secretary until she passed away in May. Betty was a well respected Republican environmentalist in the Charlotte County area. In June the Executive Committee voted unanimously to rename one of four Green Elephant Awards the "Betty Talburt Green Elephant Award" in memory of Betty's dedication to the environment and the Republican spirit.

GREEN ELEPHANT AWARD NOMINATIONS

Please submit nominations for 2006 Green Elephant Awards to me at sparks@esinc.cc. The categories include:

- **Municipal**
- **County**
- **State Representative**
- **State Senate**
- **Volunteer**

Please include supporting data and a brief description of your reason for each nomination. Nominees must be Republican.

Nominations are open through January 4, 2007.
