



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 to the Florida Chapter's first official President's E-Newsletter. In 2005, the Chapter's Executive Committee set a goal to implement a quarterly newsletter. After several months and some minor set-backs, we are pleased to disseminate the first newsletter in an effort to keep you better informed about our Chapter.

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 December 2, 2006 in West Palm or possibly Sarasota. Please mark this date. We will be contacting you shortly about the location. This is your best chance to discuss the environmental issues that matter most and participate in shaping the Chapter's 2007 plan.

REP AMERICA'S ANNUAL MEETING

REP America invites all members to attend the National Meeting on September 20th, 2006 in Golden Colorado. If you'd like more information, please visit the website or contact me. It would be great to have a large Florida contingent.

SELLING OF FEDERAL LANDS

Our updated Chapter website (www.repamerica.org) contains a letter that was recently approved by the Florida Chapter Executive Committee regarding the selling of federal lands. I'd like to thank Jim DePeso for his work on this letter. Please visit the website to read this letter.

PROTECT OUR OCEANS

Please take a look at an Op-Ed piece (attached as pdf) recently written by our Treasurer, Frank Muller-Karger.

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.
