

# Robert Says What

May 2021

**Teaching Ourselves to Serve the Community**

## **President's Message:**

I'd like to introduce myself to you as the new President of CCPU 2021-23 I am very excited to be leading such an important professional unit, one that I have been a Member of since 2017. I look forward to collaborating with you to explore new opportunities to increase membership value and promote the study of parliamentary procedure. I as many of you came to this unit realizing that the meetings that we attended were not properly run. We had a thirst for knowledge for proper procedures. Over the years I have had the opportunity to talk with many Members and our conversations have increased my enthusiasm that I became a RP. I was just appointed this month so I am still getting settled and learning about the current status of ongoing projects but wanted to share my thoughts about the future of CCPU. As a teaching unit, we tend to think primarily of Members, both students and teachers, but there are so many more people and groups that are important parts of our community. We have Members who are also volunteers, Chapter Leaders and contributors to the knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order. We have RPs and PRP's who support our standards and best practices. Unit membership has proved opportunities for members to learn, lead and develop. I want to continue to strengthen these relationships and through them increase the value to our Members. As I see it we have two main goals: supporting the continuing education for members at all levels to receive quality training. Hopefully soon in-person opportunities through repetition and practice to sharpen member skills as parliamentarians. We have so many great people and so many opportunities. I want to engage you and want us to work collaboratively to grow the unit and grow the awareness of the value of our work.

Louis A Rivera RP CCPU President 2021 - 2023

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## NEXT MEETING

MAY 13, 2021

9:30 - 11:30

Location: Oak Forest Condo Clubhouse

1515 Forest Nelson Blvd, Port Charlotte

Use gate #2

entry number is #2278

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

**The Florida State Association of Parliamentarians Virtual Annual Meeting will be held on May 8, 2021.**

**The meeting will include a business meeting and workshops. All members and guests are invited to at You may register online or by mail. Registration must be received by May 5 to ensure you receive your link to the meeting.**

Email completed registration form to:

[flstatepar@gmail.com](mailto:flstatepar@gmail.com)

and

To pay registration fee online:

[www.flparliamentarian.com](http://www.flparliamentarian.com)


### CCPU Class at the PGICA

Sam King, PRP, and Joyce Gleason, RP, conducted a 3-hour, in-person class for the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association (PGICA) on March 25, 2021. The topic was intended as an introduction, called "Robert's Rules for Leaders". It was open to up to 10 members of the Board of Directors and officers of their subordinate clubs and held in one of their classrooms. The cost to each participant was \$10, used by the PGICA to disburse their expenses for education. While the PGICA usually charges for its space and opens educational offerings to the community, it was the willingness of CCPU to conduct the program for free that persuaded the organization to allow us to "practice" on them.

CCPU earned nothing by offering this class, ideally one of a series of three: a Part II for more in-depth topics, and Presiding Practice, both being offered in May. The purpose of the recent offering was to explore a "proof of concept" - that is, what would a 3-hour class include? Although CCPU stands by its 18-hour "The Practical Applications of Robert's Rules of Order" (PARR) course, we frequently receive calls for help with parliamentary procedure from condos and other groups. Most are unwilling to commit to the length of time PARR requires. Sam and Joyce wanted to see what could be included and how it would be received. It was also helpful that the PGICA had meeting space available and would not charge us for use of the building. The issues of space and availability of PARR have been two of the challenges of the Covid year 2020-2021.

The response by participants was quite good, although suggesting that more time could be spent on the ranking motions. The Part II would also be open to some who missed the first presentation. It was clear that actually running meetings is an issue for many (true for many groups) and it is hoped that a presiding practice class will fill. We also learned how to use the PGICA as a class venue and how the space would be utilized. Moving forward though, we could charge for the classes but would have to engage with their policy of up to 25% revenue sharing. There is much to be discussed with others interested in furthering CCPU's mission of educating the community.

*Joyce Gleason*



Deadline for the  
September issue of the  
newsletter is August  
23, 2021

# April is Parliamentary Law Month.

CCPU received proclamations from Charlotte County Florida and Charlotte County Board of Commissioners. Well done CCPU members.

