



Welcome to our newest CCPU Member Brian Pelkie

# Robert Says What?

April/May, 2019



## *Teaching Ourselves to Serve The Community*

From the desk of  
Joyce Gleason

At the March meeting of CCPU, the assembly voted me as your president for the next two years. (They also endorsed a wonderful cadre of officers and committee chairs. See the list of dynamic individuals see on page 3.) If you have ever seen me teach, you know that I frequently call to mind the "giants" who have gone before us. It is hard for me to imagine being among the likes of Gene Coy, Dave Gruman, and Nancy Dauster -- and now, Sam King. It is their examples that I will seek to emulate as the Board and I serve you for the next two years. Thank you for that trust.

You also know me to be a teacher. I have been a science educator across six decades. With that span of experience comes an appreciation of modes of instruction. I see CCPU as an exemplar of community service, reaching other organizations as coach and facilitator. This is how we assist them in their missions, be it non-profit, religious, residency, or whatever their purposes.

But first we must make certain that we as members of a parliamentary unit are prepared with knowledge and intent. Sam challenged us to increase our count of RPs and PRPs, as many of our giants were leaving us. In that vein, Sam appointed a *parliamentarian pro tem* for each business meeting. As Education Chair, I have fulfilled the mandate for a lesson after each CCPU meeting. We offered an RP study group last spring and now have a small "quickie" one in progress at this time. We need to educate ourselves first to be more effective for our students.

Thus, I am establishing as my theme for the next two years:

### *Teaching Ourselves to Serve the Community*

I implore you to join me in this endeavor. We will strengthen CCPU in the process and spread our knowledge to groups within the county.

## Another Class in the Offing?

A number of years ago, CCPU members were treated to a four-week fall course on Bylaws. It was taught by Nancy Dauster, PRP. Today she has generously made that available to CCPU.

The program is interactive and would be offered free to CCPU members only. The course would run on Thursdays, October 24 -- November 21, for up to two hours each week, at the FOP Hall. (The class would not meet on Thursday, November 14, in lieu of the normal CCPU meeting.)

Continuing in the theme of the current CCPU president, Teaching Ourselves to Serve the Community, would this be of interest to you as a member? A discussion of this proposal could be held at the September meeting, and a poll of interest might be taken. You may also express your concerns and/or interest by contacting Joyce at [joycegle@earthlink.net](mailto:joycegle@earthlink.net).



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## Congratulations to Sam King, PRP



After completing her RP certification last October, Sam was committed to continuing her studies

for the PRP designation. NAP was encouraging members in this part of the country by offering the on-site portion of the testing process (the Professional Qualifying Course) in Tampa on a February weekend.

Through months of study and homework assignments, Sam persevered while continuing her family duties, serving as CCPU president and other volunteer responsibilities. It was grueling and, at times, discouraging. To the rest of us members who witnessed this process, it was actually inspirational!

Sam learned of her PRP accomplishment in March. We are still celebrating for her.

**Art of Presiding Graduating Class**  
**April 4, 2019**



L-R Louis Rivera, Mary Polivka, Brian Pelkie, Shirley Castonguay, and Gale Carter

**Charlotte County Commission Proclamation**  
**April 9, 2019**



L-R Valerie Colbert, Libby Curnow, Sam King and County Commissioner President Stephen Deutsch

**Celebrating Parliamentary Law Month**

**Punta Gorda City Council Proclamation**

**April 3, 2019**

City Attorney David Levin with Sam King, our Past President



Mayor Nancy Prafke with our new President Joyce Gleason



Members attending: L-R Sam King, Barbara Davis, Libby Curnow, Joyce Gleason, Louis Rivera and Luceal Curry

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**2019**

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 1 Exposition Drive  
 Greenville, SC 29607

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Carol Johnson Davis, PRP  
 Interim District 3 Director

## In a Race for RP



NAP has once again extended the time frame to earn the Registered Parliamentarian (RP) designation. Members who pass two parts of the RP exam (with a score of 85% on each) from Parts II to V, before the end of June, will be "grandfathered in", permitting up to nine additional months for completion under the "old" system.

To assist in this effort, a few self-selected students are meeting informally on Mondays until May at the FOP Hall with the support of CCPU. The hope is that, by beginning with Parts V and III, they will be able to test in less than two months. Much home preparation is required by each student, with class time being used for strategizing and discussion of intractable questions. It will be interesting to compare the results of this "fast track" approach to last year's extended meeting schedule.

## 2019-2021 Officers

President—Joyce Gleason—joycegle@earthlink.net

Vice President—Louis Rivera—liinspect@gmail.com

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Audit—Libby Curnow

Bylaws—Mary Giddens

Education—Joyce Gleason

Committee: Valerie Colbert, Art Grimes, Brian Pelkie

Newsletter—Libby Curnow

Membership—Barbara Holland

Publicity—Christine Sutherland (includes Facebook)

Webmaster - Jane Skorina

## Proctors Available

Are you studying for your RP exam? Wish you had taken the membership test after the Practical Applications class? Strike while the iron is hot! Take your test while the knowledge is fresh in your mind.

In each case, you will need to register with NAP and must list a proctor on your form. For the month of April, Joyce Gleason (joycegle@earthlink.net) is available to serve as proctor. During the months of May through September, Sam King (gammanuking@aol.com) will perform that duty. It is also possible to make similar arrangements with a local neutral person, such as a librarian. You must contact the appropriate proctor to arrange a mutually-agreeable date and time for this testing. Then you list that person on the NAP registration form.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FSAP Annual Meeting -- May 17-19 in Brandon

The annual FSAP meeting will be held Friday, May 17, through Sunday, May 19, at the Embassy Suites in Brandon, FL. Friday night will have a light reception and socializing. The Saturday meeting will include business such as the election of officers. Several lessons will be offered by qualified members during the day. A dinner and more socializing will be held Saturday night. Sunday morning's session will be lessons presented by FSAP members of the Registered Section.

For more information, go to:

<http://flparliamentarian.com/wp-content/uploads/May-2019-Registration-Forms.pdf>

### NAP's 42nd Biennial Convention

September 5-8, 2019, in Las Vegas

**Want to be CCPU's delegate? Come to our Meeting May 9!**

You will find a schedule at --

<https://files.constantcontact.com/cbc7da9f001/b42ad4c7-6dba-48a4-8b51-1e1627c5d16a.pdf>

Detailed registration information can be found at the NAP Store --

<https://netforum.avectra.com/eweb/shopping/shopping.aspx?site=nap&webcode=shopping&cart=0&shopsearch=biennial>

The convention will be held at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino. Room rates are \$104 (plus taxes). Make your hotel reservations early! You may do so online or by calling 888.796.3564

Next Meeting, May 9, 2019

9:30AM—11:30AM

Fraternal Order of Police Hall

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