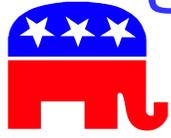


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Reservations & Menu

Date: Monday, August 17, 2009
Time: 5:00 Social Hour
6:00 Meeting & Dinner

Location: *Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club*
4400 Lister Street, Port Charlotte

For Reservations:

Please phone Ruth Bahner at 639-9450, or email at ruthbahner1@comcast.net. Reservation deadline is noon, **Friday, August 14, 2009**. Late reservations may be accommodated but the menu may be limited. Dinner cost is **\$25** per person. *Cancellations must be received before noon, August 14, to avoid charge to member.*

Menu

Hot Rolls & Butter

Caesar Salad with Croutons & Asiago Cheese

Coffee, Tea, Ice Tea (non-flavored)

Entrée Selections:

Bourbon marinated Flatiron Steak
with cippolini onions

or

Chicken Francoise

or

Grilled Salmon with orange sauce

or

Vegetarian Plate (Chef's Choice)

Served with

Chef's Choice of Starch and Vegetable

Chef's Dessert Choice

SUNSET CRUISE - OCTOBER 17TH

The Western Charlotte County Republican Club invites you to join them for a Sunset Cruise.

Saturday Oct. 17th from 5 to 8PM out of Fisherman's Village. Tickets are \$25 each.

For more info, contact Raul at: (941) 743-8436

August 17th CCRC Meeting Legislative Update

District 21 Sen. Mike Bennett

Committees include:

- Banking & Insurance
- Finance & Tax
- Energy, Environment, & Land Use

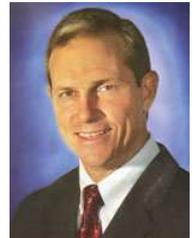


Sen. Bennett has been active in developing Senate Bill 360 which will help promote growth by removing unworkable or duplicative regulations, when the economy begins to rebound.

District 72 Rep. Paige Kreegel

Committees include:

- Energy & Utilities Policy - Chair
- Health Care Appropriations



He will report on a successful session which included a fiscally responsible approach taken by House Republicans during enabling Florida's bond rating to be affirmed last week by both Moody's (Aa1) and Fitch (AA+) and the state being removed from the downgrade watch list.

New Members This Month...

Martha Abernathy

Michael & Tonya Metyk

Brian & Celeste Midolo

Aaron Mikesell

Victor & Penelope Moore

Toni Simo

Karen Maxey (*correct spelling from June issue*)

Welcome Aboard!

President's Message

Marco Rubio made a great presentation to a packed audience of 117 which was a record for an off year meeting. We look forward to hearing from other candidates who we have contacted, during the election season.

The Monday night Mixers have been great. So far we have signed up 9 new members and have given applications to over 80 people we didn't know before we started the program. In July we had 90+ attendees and 45, were new contacts. Jackie Green did a fantastic job on the publicity. We had several people who had received the letter sent to all newly registered Republicans since January. Our biggest problem was getting to talk to each new person.

The RPOF will hold its quarterly meeting on Friday, August 21, 2009 and Saturday, August 22, 2009 at the Gaylord Palms Hotel and Convention Center 6000 W Osceola Parkway, Kissimmee. The agenda starts in the late afternoon on Friday and ends at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. There will be a dinner on Saturday night. This is great event to attend if you want to get to know the key people in the party up close. For more information go to the website: <http://www.rpof.org/>.

The CCRC Nominating Committee will be formed at the September general meeting. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Executive Board or the Nominating Committee you are encouraged to contact any member of the board.

Goings On:

Fall Membership Mixer We decided to defer the event. The mixers at the Wyvern are exceeding our expectations and the Golf Scramble will take most of our attention in October.

Elephant Scramble Golf Outing The response has be great. With Tom Rooney joining the group, interest has increased with other elected officials. Several who don't play are coming for the Luncheon. This will be great event.

Cruise March 14, 2010, see ad within, We heard a presentation on the ship and the cruise from AAA at the West Charlotte County Republican Club meeting on July 21. It was great. We will try to fit it into the September or October meeting.

Bill Folchi
President

September 14 CCRC Meeting

We're still working on scheduling a speaker for the September meeting. As soon as we finalize arrangements, we'll let you know.

How Do You Communicate Today?

Robert R. McMillan

One of my expressions, which I use all the time is, "The name of the game is to communicate."

Let me explain. Without communications, nothing would happen at work, at home, or even when there is a time out. And today, there are so many ways to communicate. We have come along way from smoke signals seen hill to hill, signal flags on ships, and Morse Code.

Today, we have many new approaches to communicating. From emails and texting to cell phones and from faxes to overnight mail, we can communicate faster and more often. But, there are challenges.

First, I find many people never respond to emails. I am not writing about an article or picture being sent to the "world." I am referring to personal messages. For some reason, many people do not acknowledge even personal messages?

Another area relates to RSVPs for events, including weddings. I am told that 20 percent of us have to be called to see if we are attending a wedding reception. I cannot figure that out?

See Communicate on page 3

CCRC Calendar

- Aug 17 CCRC Meeting, Legislative Report: Mike Bennet & Paige Kregel
Note the Date Change.
- Aug 24 Monday Mixer at the Wyvern Hotel 5-7PM
- Sept 14 CCRC Meeting, Speaker TBD
- Sept 26 Hard Rock Casino...Stay tuned for info
- Sept 28 Monday Mixer at the Wyvern Hotel 5-7PM
- Oct 10 CCRC Elephant Scramble

Healthcare Math 2 + 2 = 3

John Hitzel

Are you having the same problem with healthcare math that I have. I can't seem to get the Obama answer. Add 20, 30 or 40 people to a high quality, no rationing healthcare system and the cost will go down billions of dollars. Is that the same math that student grants and loans applied to college tuition? Is that the same math has kept Medicare solvent? Is that the same math that keeps highway construction so cheap? Would that one politician would tell the truth. There is no free lunch.

I have high quality healthcare. I was truly amazed when I turned 65 that virtually all of by healthcare expense was paid by Medicare and my federal BCBS supplemental insurance. Of course, I have to pay two insurance companies, Medicare and BCBS. The cost for family coverage (to include my wife) is currently \$2,313.60 and \$4,279.08 for my 2009 coverage.

This is an example of two forms of math, government and private industry. The government (Medicare) policy covers approximately 80% of doctor, hospital and home healthcare needs. BCBS picks up the full balance of unpaid Medicare coverage and pays approximately 80% of prescription medicines.

Why does the government insurance policy that pays 80% of my expense cost about half as much as my private industry policy? That is the difference between government math and private industry math.

Continued next column.

We don't know the outcome of this healthcare debate. There are problems that should be addressed. I am very concerned that the outcome will be a severe dummying down of the system at great expense in one form or another to those of us that enjoy the benefits of the greatest healthcare system in the world.

Communicate from page 2

Another dimension of communication is knowing when to speak up and when to shut up. Some of us ramble on and on when, at times, we would be much better off to just zipper our lips.

Another area of communicating comes in the area of government and public policy. Why don't people in government, who know something has gone wrong, just come out with an early report? The public is forgiving – even of government officials. What the public does not like is hiding important issues, hoping they will go away. That just does not happen. Wouldn't they have done better by communicating early?

Another area where all of us could do a better job in communicating is on sidewalks, elevators, and even while shopping. What is wrong with a friendly smile instead of looking down at the floor? As we pass each other on the sidewalk, it does not hurt to say, "hello." Even on elevators, a smile and a "good morning" wouldn't be too bad. We either are bashful or afraid that our greeting might be shunned by a stranger.

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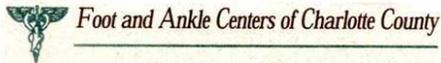
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