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Reservations & Menu

Date: Monday, September 14, 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, September 11, 2009**. Late reservations may be accommodated but the menu may be limited. Dinner cost is \$25 per person. *Cancellations must be received before noon, September 11, to avoid charge to member.*

Menu

*Hot Rolls & Butter
 Salad: Wedge Iceburg
 with Chopped Bacon & Bleu Cheese Crumbles
 Coffee, Tea, Ice Tea (non-flavored)*

Entrée Selections:

- #1 CHYC Signature Grilled Top Sirloin
- #2 Roast Chicken with 1000 sauce
- #3 Pecan crusted Trout
with Blackberry coulis
- #4 Vegetarian Plate (Chef's Choice)

*Served with
 Chef's Choice of Starch and Vegetable
 Chef's Dessert Choice*

FYI: Please remember, drink tickets purchased at the dinner meetings are valid for that night only. If needed, you may return extras to Jacqueline before the 50/50 drawing. She's at the table with the red balloon. This has been the ongoing policy of the CHYC.

Also, a bracelet was found after a dinner meeting. Please contact Ruth Bahner to claim it.

September 14th CCRC Meeting Local Budget Update

Howard Kunik & Roger Baltz

Howard Kunik - Punta Gorda's City Manager. He is responsible for all City operations, managing an annual budget of \$51,000,000 and 277 employees.



He came to Punta Gorda in April of 2005 and has played a major role in bringing the City back to better than new condition.

Roger Baltz has been the Charlotte County Administrator since 2008. He has extensive and varied experience in local government management and has been a part of Charlotte County since July 2003.



Roger has held management positions in city and county governments here in Florida along with Nevada and California.

CCRC & PRFWF Casino Getaway

Saturday September 26, 2009'
 The Charlotte County Republican Club &
 The Peace River Federated Women's Forum are
 sponsoring a day at the Tampa Hard Rock Casino



- \$40.00 Per person Includes:
- Round Trip Motor Coach
 - \$25.00 Playing Voucher
 - \$5.00 Dining Credit

8:15 AM Pickup, 6:00 PM Return.
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President's Message

With TRIM notices just arriving in the mail and budgets due to be finalized, this month is a perfect time to be hearing from the City Manager and the County administrator. Don't miss it.

Elections Have Consequences! We are more and more aware of this as each day of the Obama administration passes by. The national debt has increase in six months by an amount greater than the total increases of the national debt from the American Revolution to the end of the Bush administration. Our national defense is being weakened daily as more and more investigations into the actions of the past administration are initiated and the president conducts a program of apology toward our enemies for being firm in our ideals. Our civil liberties are being diminished by a government that has nationalized the banking system and a major segment of private industry. The ultimate power grab lies in the nationalization of the health insurance industry.

All of this is happening because a segment of the electorate decided not to vote. In doing so they allowed a minority of Americans who voted for a campaign slogan rather than a man, to change the course of history. The lesson is clear: Choose conservative Republican candidates and support them.

Goings On:

Elephant Scramble Golf Outing The response has been 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 We will have a presentation on the cruise at the October meeting.

Nominating Committee Bob Hill is organizing the Nominating Committee. 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. Nominations will be presented in November and Voted on at the December meeting.

Mixer The September Mixer will be on Monday September 28, 2009 at the Wyvern, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. We have been getting lots of new people at these events and we need more members there to talk to them. So far our batting average has been great on enlisting new members. This month alone we are welcoming 14 new people. Thanks for your help.

Bill Folchi
President

October 12 CCRC Meeting

As soon as we finalize arrangements for the October meeting, we'll let you know.

Where's The Outrage?

Whirlpool Corp. announced they will close their plant in Evansville, IN and eliminate about 1,100 full-time jobs. The jobs will be moving to a facility in Mexico. Whirlpool executives justified this move because of the weakened economy and to cut costs.

The logic of this move is flawed and down right un-patriotic. Exporting jobs because of higher unemployment is just like drinking your way out of alcoholism.

Of course this makes total sense to them; their bonus' are on the line.

Read labels. Buy American. If you can't find American products, voice your complaints to the store management. Your family's future depends on it.

Craig Williams

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

New Members This Month...

Brian C. & Barb J. Berens
Victor & Jacqueline Kroll
George & Janice Kearns
Allan & Mary Ann Ellis
Alice M Esposito
Patrick & Jean Grady
Theodore R. Lukralle
John & Robyn Biluk
Elizabeth Pace
Richard A. Weber

Welcome Aboard!

CCRC Calendar

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| Sept 14 | CCRC Dinner Meeting
Speakers Roger Baltz & Howard Kunik |
| Sept 26 | Hard Rock Casino...See Ad for Details |
| Sept 28 | Monday Mixer at the Wyvern Hotel 5-7PM |
| Oct 10 | CCRC Elephant Scramble Golf Outing
For Info, Contact Tom Kessler 575-1161 |
| Oct 12 | CCRC Dinner Meeting |

Senator Edward Kennedy Remembered

As director of the United States Senate Restaurants for twenty plus years I have many, many stories to tell about relationships with senators, though not many with Senator Kennedy.

Senator Kennedy tended to stay out of public view to the extent possible during the normal course of a business day in the U. S. Senate. In fact, he was somewhat of a recluse, sticking to his office, the Senate floor or hearing room as required. Many thought that was a concern for security after the loss of his famous brothers and repeated threats against his own life.

One of the symptoms of the above was the fact that Senator Kennedy tended to take most meals in his office. The typical routine was for the Senate Restaurant office to get a call for a lunch order for the Senator and his staff or guests to be picked up by a Senate page and delivered to the office. The pages got in the habit of "commandeering" one of the restaurants banquet service carts which would end up in the Senator's office and not available for other use by the restaurant staff. In fact, it turned out that several of our carts ended up in the Senator's office sometimes to the detriment of other restaurant office or banquet services. According to the office manager at the time the office insisted that they keep a cart for their convenience.

I agreed that I understood their need and that I would be glad to order a cart for the Senator's exclusive use as long as the office paid for the cart.

KEEP INFORMED!

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The office manager agreed. I ordered the cart, had the paint shop stencil the Senator's name on the cart and turned it over to the office. Senator Kennedy is the only U. S. Senator to have a personalized banquet cart for his exclusive use.

Another Kennedy story: There were many strange persons who frequented the Capital and Congressional office buildings. There was a tall, slim mature woman who stationed herself every day the Senate was in session; standing by a column in the upper area of the Russell Building rotunda down the hall from Senator Kennedy's office. She was as much of a fixture as the marble column next to her. I learned from Senate staffers that she was a would-be speech writer for Senator Kennedy. When she first started frequenting the office building she would literally block his path to approach the Senator to discuss the speech she was writing for him. Capitol Hill police reached an agreement with the woman to wait in certain spot in the Russell Building upper rotunda to keep her vigil. She can be added to the list of many harmless kooks who add to the history of the U. S. Senate. I wonder if she outlasted the Senator!

John Hitzel

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GET READY TO CRUISE.



The 2010 CCRC Cruise is open for reservations on the most modern ship afloat, the Celebrity Solstice.

March 14 - 21, 2010, 7 nights 4 great ports:
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Inside	\$1,195	Prices are all inclusive: Motor Coach to Ft. Lauderdale from Port Charlotte Port Charges Government Fees
Outside	\$1,365	
Balcony	\$1,495	
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