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November 9, Meeting, Harry Mihet

Horatio (Harry) Gabriel Mihet appeared on America's No. 1 morning show, FOX & Friends, on August 12, 2009 with his clients: Principal Frank Lay and Athletic Director Robert Freeman from Pace High School in Santa Rosa County, Florida. They had been facing criminal contempt charges for a prayer offered at an appreciation luncheon with former booster club members and other adults who helped with a field house project. The



ACLU complained to a federal judge that the prayer violated a court order. Harry Mihet successfully defended his Santa Rosa clients and many others against attempts by the American Civil Liberties Union in their war to limit the civil liberties of every American. He was born in Communist Romania. He survived a revolution at the age of twelve. He understands, first hand, what it means to lose ones civil liberties. His successful cases are numerous and legendary. This will be a Great evening.



The voice of CCRC



Ruth Bahner

Lorraine and I moved to Punta Gorda permanently in 2001. The first Republican I spoke to was Frank Sturges. He invited us to come to a CCRC meeting and to call Ruth Bahner to make a reservation. That story has been repeated literally hundreds of times. Whenever CCRC members met a prospective member for the past 13 years they told them to call Ruth Bahner. Each first reservation was treated as the important event that it is and each new guest was made to feel at home at once. Ruth knows all the Club members treats each one with special attention. I was at a loss when she told me she and John are moving to Idaho in December. In addition to being the voice of CCRC, Ruth has served on the executive Board continuously and has been the Club Parliamentarian for ever. Ruth will be at our meeting in November but she will be on her way to Idaho soon afterwards. Ruth we will miss you!



A Report from Montana:

President Obama made a brief visit to Montana to stage a Town Hall Meeting in August. The following is an excerpt of a written personal observation of the presidential visit.

"By now you have probably heard that President Obama came to Montana last Friday. However, there are many things that the major news has not covered. I feel that since Joe and I live here and we were at the airport on Friday I should share some facts with you".

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2010 Dues

Your Newsletter came to you this month by email as well as regular mail. This is because we had to send invoices to members who joined before October 1, 2009, for their 2010 dues. At the bottom of the invoice there is a form for updating any information that has changed. One thing you might consider changing, is your delivery preference. We encourage members to request email delivery since postage and printing are our largest budget items. We have enclosed a stamped envelope as an inducement to pay your dues early. Dues are due on January 1, 2010. We are sure you will have your mind focused on something else on that day.



New information Please Take Note !!

Reservations Call: *Peg Thompson*
(941) 391-6610
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Menu Wedge iceberg salad with: chopped bacon and blue cheese crumbles.

Entrées: Roasted Pork Loin Chop with a roasted apple chutney and natural sauce

or Greek Stuffed Chicken, filled with spinach, feta cheese and kalamata olives Served with roasted red pepper sauce

or Potato Encrusted Swai served with chive buerre Blanc

or Vegetarian, Chef's Choice

Wth: Chef's Choice of Vegetable and Starch
Coffee, Tea, Ice Tea, Water
Hot Rolls & Butter

Dessert Chef's Choice

Policy: Reservations and cancellations must be received by 12:00 pm on the Friday preceding the meeting. Late cancellations will be charged to Member.

President's Message

Congratulations and thanks to Robin Stublen and Tom Gaitens for a fantastic evening. We had over 115 dinner guests and 30 or so program attendees to their awakening assessment of the political climate. You had to be there! The program was a complete success. This month we will hear from an equally simulating speaker. Harry Mihet will tell us about his battle against the American Civil Liberties Union in the war to defend our freedom.

The first ever, soon to be annual, CCRC Elephant Scramble was a success by every measure. We had a foursome on every hole of St Andrews South golf course. Over 30 friends, elected officials and fellow Republicans joined the players for lunch and the awards ceremony. Prizes donated were outstanding. CCRC is on a role.

Goings On:

Dues: Notices were sent out this month for the 2010 dues. If you joined in October 2009, you are paid up. We would appreciate early payment even though the dues are technically not due until January 1, 2020. I am sure you will be busy in that day.

Nominating Committee There is still time to become an Officer of CCRC. The Nominating Committee will report at our meeting in November and the slate will be voted on at the Annual Meeting and Christmas Gala on December 14. You too can be president of CCRC. All you have to do is run. If you are interested contact a committee member:

- Bob Hill 697-6514, bobhill@ewol.com
- Cheryl Bailey 639-2672, cherylby@embarqmail.com
- Raul Fernandez 743-8436, Barcinobetty@embarqmail.com

Mixer The November Mixer will be on Monday November 23, 2009 at the Wyvern, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Be there! Bring a friend.

Edison College Student Program At our meeting we kicked off a program to enable Edison College students to attend our meetings. We urge all members to help us out with this program. Please refer to the nearby article.

Finally we will say a sad goodbye to John and Ruth Bahner this month. We wish them the best in their relocation to Idaho.

Bill Folchi
President

Are You Connected??

We have 44 members who we don't have email addresses for. If you're not getting our messages, please send an email message with you email address to Peg Thompson at:

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December 14 Meeting...



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“On Wednesday, August 5th it was announced locally that the President would be coming here. There are many groups here that are against his healthcare and huge spending so those groups began talking and deciding on what they were going to do. The White House would not release ANY details other than the date”.

“On about Tuesday Joe found out that they would be holding the Town Hall at the airport (This is only because Joe knows EVERYONE at the airport). Our airport is actually located outside of Belgrade (tiny town) in a very remote location. Nothing is around there. They chose to use a hangar that is the most remotely located hangar. You could not pick a more remote location, and you can not get to it easily. It is totally secluded from the public”.

“FYI: We have many areas in Belgrade and Bozeman which could have held a large amount of folks with sufficient parking. (gymnasiums/ auditoriums). All of which have chairs and tables, and would not have to be SHIPPED IN!! \$\$\$\$\$ Dur-

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CCRC Calendar

- Oct., 26 **CCRC Monday Mixer**, 5:00 pm, Wyvern Hotel, 101 East Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda.
- Nov., 9 **CCRC Meeting**, Harry Mihet
- Nov, 23 **CCRC Monday Mixer**, 5:00 pm, Wyvern Hotel, 101 East Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda
- Dec., 14: **CCRC Annual Meeting and Christmas Gala.**
- Dec, 28 **MO MIXER IN DECEMBER, SEE YOU IN JANUARY**
- Jan., 11: **CCRC Meeting**
- Jan, 24 **CCRC Monday Mixer**, 5:00 pm, Wyvern Hotel, 101 East Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda
- Mar, 3: **CCRC Fashion Show**

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ing the week, cargo by the TONS was being shipped in constantly. Airport employees could not believe how it just kept coming. Though it was our President coming several expressed how excessive it was, especially during a recession. \$\$\$\$\$\$”

“Late Tuesday/early Wednesday the 12th, they said that tickets would be handed out on Thursday 9am at two locations and the president would be arriving around 12:30 Friday. Thursday morning about 600 tickets were passed out. However, 1500 were printed at a Local print shop per White House request. Hmmm, 900 tickets just DISAPPEARED. This same morning someone called into the radio from the local UPS branch and said that THOUSANDS of Dollars of Lobster were shipped in for Obama. Montana has some of the best beef in the nation!!! And it would have been really wonderful to help out the local economy. Anyone heard of the Recession?? Just think, with all of the traveling the White House is doing. \$\$\$\$\$\$ One can only imagine what else we are paying for”.

“On Friday Joe and I got out to the airport about 10:45am. The groups that wanted to protest Obama’s spending and healthcare had gotten a

permit to protest and that area was roped off. But that was not to be. A large bus carrying SEIU (Service Employees International Union) members drove up onto the area (illegal)and unloaded right there. It was quite a commotion and there were specifically 2 SEIU men trying to make trouble and start a fight. Police did get involved and arrested the one man but they said they did not have the manpower to remove the SEIU crowd”.

“The SEIU crowd was very organized and young. About 99% were under the age of 30 and they were not locals! They had bullhorns and PROFESSIONALLY made signs. Some even wore pre-printed T-shirts. Oh, and Planned Parenthood folks were with them with their T-shirts and preprinted signs (all these folks did have a permit to protest in ANOTHER area). Those against healthcare/spending moved away from the SEIU crowd to avoid confrontation. They were orderly and respectful. Even though SEIU kept coming over and walking through, continuing to be very intimidating and aggressive at the direction of the one SEIU man”.

“So we had Montana folks from ALL OVER the state with their homemade signs and their DOGS with home-

made signs. We had cowboys, nurses, doctors you name it. There was even a guy from Texas who had been driving through. He found out about the occasion, went to the store, made a sign, and came to protest”.

“If you are wondering about the press, well, all of the major networks were over by that remote hangar I mentioned. They were conveniently parked on the other side of the buildings FAR away. None of these crowds were even visible to them. I have my doubts that they knew anything about the crowds”.

“We did have some local news media around us from this state and Idaho . Speaking of the local media they were invited. However, all questions were to be turned into the White House in advance of the event. Wouldn’t want anyone to have to think off the top of their head”.

“It was very obvious that it was meant to be totally controlled by the White House. Everything was orchestrated down to the last detail to make it appear that Montana is just crazy for Obama and government healthcare. Even those people that talked about their insurance woes, the White House called our local HRDC (Human Resource and Development Committee) and asked for

names. Then the White House asked those folks to come. Smoke and mirrors, EVERYTHING was staged!!!!!!!!!!!!”

The writer went on to tell her concern for the country and that she was scared for the future. I believe her reaction to the presidential visit was shared by many Montanans and many, many other U. S. citizens. We must harness that concern for the country and defeat President Obama and the democrats at every turn.

John Hitzel

Monday Mixer at the Wyvern Hotel

We will be holding our Monthly Mixer on: Monday November 23, at: the Wyvern Hotel
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New Members This Month...

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Mike & Gail Fortier
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Sam & Sally Shutts
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