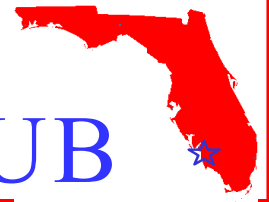


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Pelosi Healthcare

The House Republican Conference has compiled a list of all the new boards, bureaucracies, commissions, and programs created in H.R. 3962, Speaker Pelosi's government takeover of health care:

1. Retiree Reserve Trust Fund (Section 111(d), p. 61) There isn't room in this newsletter to list all 111

items so I have left out 2 thru 110. 111. Committee for the Establishment of the Native American Health and Wellness Foundation (Section 3103, p. 1968). The following list includes every 10th item in the list just to alarm you. The full list can be found on line.

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Brian Presley Returns



We are pleased to announce that Brian Presley has returned as a member of CCRC and is the speaker

for the January meeting. In addition he has become a more frequent economic columnist for the Charlotte Sun in recent months. You can read "Presleys Pinions" each Tuesday on the lead financial page of the Sun and at:

<http://PresleysPinions.blogspot.com>.

Presley's credentials as an economist would take more paper than available in this newsletter. His undergraduate and graduate education includes a BS in Business Administration and MBA and is a graduate of the Securities Industries Institute of the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

If you have been reading his local columns you will find commentary about local charity endowment contributions, reconsideration of the proposed FGCU lease

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Folchi Re-elected President

Former President Bob Hill conducted an efficient nomination and election of the 2010 CCRC Officers that resulted in a unanimous election of the presented slate of officers. The result was the re-election of President Folchi, 1st Vice President Constance, 2nd Vice President Brown and Corresponding Secretary Metyk. The slate of officers was rounded out with Treasurer Claire Phelen and Recording Secretary Robyn Biluk.

The balance of the meeting was devoted to a dinner well worth waiting for and dance music provided by "one man band" Tim Goodman. Could you really tell it wasn't a Glen Miller style big band?

Finally, a pick up truck loaded with toys and canned goods were loaded by Major Caleb Prieto of the Salvation Army for distribution to really needy children for Christmas. The canned goods were donated to St. Vincent De Paul Society for similar donation.

January 11, 2010 Dinner Menu

Spinach Salad

Choice of:

1. Chuck Tender Medallions Diane Pan-seared and served with a mushroom demi-glace
2. Honey-balsamic Roasted Cornish Game Hen with pancetta and pearl onion ragout
3. Swai stuffed with Seafood stuffing and Lobster sauce
4. Vegetarian Plate

Reservations *Peg Thompson*

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or, to register on line:

Click here: <http://ccflrc.org/nextMtgchristmas.html>

Location: The Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club
4400 Lister St., Port Charlotte

Time: 5:00 Social Hour
6:00 Business Meeting
6:15 Dinner
6:45 Program

Policy: Reservations and cancellations must be received by 12:00 pm on the Friday preceding the meeting. Late cancellations will be charged to Member. Please observe the deadline. We are unable to accommodate late reservations or cancellations.



President's Message

We will end 2009 on a positive note! Here are some facts to summarize the year:

Beginning Bank Balance 11/31/08	\$5,453
Ending Ban Balance 11/30/09	\$12,859
Membership November '08	346
Current Membership	364
Total New Members Recruited	96
Total Dinner Attendees	1,160
Total Mixer Attendees	382
Cruise Attendees	24
Lincoln Day Attendees	36
Wild Hog Wild Attendees	150

By whatever measure you would like to use the Charlotte County Republican Club is growing and in the process, is renewing itself as well as becoming more fun. The success of this year is something that started seven or eight years ago. During this time we have had the good fortune of having Executive Boards comprised of people willing to give generously of their time and talent to strengthen the organization. Thank you to the 2009 Board for your hard work. **It was a very good year.**

Goings On:

Mixers... Good news from the Wyvern hotel. We collected \$570 in incentives from Lulu's restaurant in 2009. In addition, hotel manager, John Perez, has been a most gracious host this year and has contributed significantly to the success of the Mixers. While the incentive program is over, the **Mixers will continue**, beginning on January 25, 2010. Let's have a big turnout to kick off another great CCRC year.

Edison College Student Program... Dr. Carol Roark came to our December Board meeting and presented the status of the program. We will resume operation in January and we will be hearing from her group in the coming months. This will emerge as a significant youth program that will help secure our future. Thank you to all the members who donated \$25 to pay for the attendance of students at our meetings.

Fashion Show... Connie Kubik and Barbara Colby are moving ahead with the March 3, 2010, Spring Fling, fashion show to be held at the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club.

Wild Hog Wild... Bob Hill and Raul Fernandez are teaming to produce Wild Hog Wild on April 18, 2010. This year our annual fund raiser will be bigger and better. Stay tuned for details.

Dues... Membership Chairman, Jim Brown reports that over 50% of the members have already paid their 2010 dues in response to our early invoice program. Thank you all for your help.

Bill Folchi
President

February Speaker?

At press time 1st Vice President Constance reports efforts to confirm an incumbent Member of U. S. House of Representatives from one of the several districts found in or near Charlotte County have been well under way with final confirmation expected soon.

Contacts have been made with staffers of Vern Buchanan, Connie Mack and Thomas Rooney. The office of Minority Leader John Boehner has confirmed the House of Representatives will have no votes Monday, February 8, 2010. Look for an announcement no later than the January meeting.

Remember the Fashion Show scheduled March 3, 2010. You all come!



Meet the Edison Campus Republican Club

Carol Roark is the enthusiastic sponsor of the Edison Campus Republican Club (ECRC). The club is open to all Edison students and welcomes members of the CCRC to all meetings of the ECRC.

The club motto is "less government, fewer taxes, more freedom". Certainly the heart of Republicanism. Club leadership includes President Andrew Ganesh, Vice President Josh Bracken, Secretary Ashle Steffenhager and Treasurer Sheri Dale.

ECRC has a monthly project that is the theme for speakers and education. The new year starts off with Law and Order Day with the assistance of Sheriff Cameron and the K-9 deputies. February follows with Constitution

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CCRC Calendar

- Jan., 11: **CCRC Meeting, Brian Presley Economist.**
- Jan, 24 **CCRC Monday Mixer, 5:00 pm, Wyvern Hotel, 101 East Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda. (County Commissioners)**
- Feb, 8 **CCRC Meeting, Speaker TBD**
- Feb, 22 **CCRC Monday Mixer, 5:00 pm, Wyvern Hotel, 101 East Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda. (Law Enforcement)**
- Mar 1: **Beginning of Legislative Session**
- Mar, 3: **CCRC Fashion Show, Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club**
- Mar 8: **CCRC Meeting, Speaker Jeff Kottcamp (Tentative)**
- Mar 22: **Mixer 5:00 pm, Wyvern Hotel, 101 East Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda. (Constitutional Officers)**

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Day with an opportunity to study what is really in the U. S. Constitution. February also includes a trip to the Desoto County FPL solar plant and briefing regarding solar energy. March's theme is Holocaust month. Not only will the holocaust be a topic but persons with related history will tell their stories first hand.

The Club activities through the Spring will be related to attracting student interest and in the Summer and Fall of the year will focus on working for candidates of their choice and getting out the vote particularly aimed at young voters. Voter registration is an on going project of the club.

CCRC recently began a project to bring students to the monthly

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with Herald Court Centre, a big picture view of the open beverage issue, the federal and state "maniacal" search for revenues, increased government control of business and inflation.

meeting. Vice President Josh Bracken and Treasurer Sheri Dale have been to dinner at recent CCRC meetings. The dinner cost is underwritten by CCRC and individual commitments from members. Between the CCRC and members there is funding to pay for two student Republican Club members at each monthly meeting in 2010.

John Hitzel

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All CCRC members should make it a point to attend the January meeting if for no other reason than to learn from Brian Presley.

John Hitzel



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- 10. Mechanism for insurance risk pooling to be established by Health Choices Commissioner (Section 306 (b), p. 194)
- 20. Accountable Care Organization pilot program under Medicare (Section 1301, p. 653)
- 30. Special focus facility program for nursing facilities (Section 1413(b)(3), p. 804)
- 40. "Identifiable office or program" within CMS to "provide for improved coordination between Medicare and Medicaid in the case of dual eligibles" (Section 1905, p. 1191)
- 50. Advisory Committee on Health Workforce Evaluation and Assessment (Section 2261, p. 1275)
- 60. Grant program to support the operation of school-based health clinics (Section 2511, p. 1352)
- 70. Grant program for State alternative medical liability laws (Section 2531, p. 1431)
- 80. Grant program to assist veterans who wish to become emergency medical

- technicians upon discharge (Section 2554, p. 1487)
- 90. Health Resources and Services Administration Office of Women's Health (Section 2588, p. 1618)
- 100. Indian Health facilities appropriation advisory board (Section 3101, p. 1774)
- 110. Native American Health and Wellness Foundation (Section 3103, p. 1966)

I do have the full list on my computer and will forward to anyone interested. The above sample just doesn't tell the whole story.

Is it possible Congress will create a workable, quality, affordable healthcare system? The creation of 111 new organizations is an indication of chaos, inefficiency and inferior services. Do you believe 111 new organizations will save cost? If there is \$70 billion dollars of fraud in today's Medicare/Medicade programs how much more will be in the Pelosi-care?

Republicans must gain control of Congress!

John Hitzel
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New Members This Month...

- Mark Zehr*
- Debbie Walther*
- Robert H. & Donna V. Furleigh*
- Stephen R. Deutsch*
- Kenneth & Joycelyn Honan*

Welcome Aboard!

Members: Recent members will have a red star on their badge. If you see a person with a red star, please make an extra effort to make them feel at home. Introduce them to your friends and welcome them and get them involved..

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