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## Dinner Menu— November 14, 2011

Garden Salad  
 Entrée selections  
 Beef Stroganoff over egg noodles  
 or  
 Roast Turkey with stuffing  
 or  
 Cedar Planked Salmon  
 or  
 Chef's vegetarian Plate  
 and  
 Chef's choice of starch and vegetables  
 CHYC rolls and butter  
 Coffee, tea or iced tea (non-flavored)  
 And  
 Dessert

**Call:** *Peg Thompson (941) 391-6610*

**or, to reserve on line click below:**

<http://www.ccfrc.org/monthlyMeeting/>

**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. **Dinner is \$25.00 per member and \$30.00 per guest. Invoices will be issued for payment for all no shows.**

Are Missile Bases Being Constructed In  
Venezuela?

*Robert R. McMillan*

There are current reports suggesting that Iran  
is supporting Venezuela in the development of missile

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## Richard Swier November Meeting Speaker Member Florida Security Council

**Dr. Richard M. Swier, Ed. D., LTC, US  
Army (Ret.)**

Richard holds a Doctorate of Education from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, CA, a Master's Degree in Management Information Systems from the George Washington University, Washington, D.C., and a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts from Washington University, St. Louis, MO.

Richard is a 23-year Army veteran who retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1990. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for his years of service. Additionally, he was awarded two Bronze Stars with "V" for Heroism in ground combat, the Presidential Unit Citation, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry while serving with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. He is a graduate of the Field Artillery Officers Basic and Advanced Courses, and U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

Richard was the Founder/CEO of Sarasota Online, a high technology company that was sold to Comcast Cable in 1996. He helped start Backsoft Corporation an enterprise software development company in 1997 whose clients included Coca-Cola, Anheuser-Busch, Hyundai Electronics, Volkswagen, Moen and Goodyear. Backsoft was sold in 2001.

Richard twice chaired the Sarasota Better Business Council, sat on the Board of the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce and served from 2000 to 2009 on the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Sarasota County.

Dr. Swier is affiliated with the **Florida Security Council** and will speak to us on the **Middle East Impact to Florida.**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It appears that the Obamacare Plan may be starting to crumble from within. Their long-term care plan, known as CLASS, has been pulled from the program due to insolvency issues cited by HHS, so much for "we had to pass it to see what was in it – Nancy Pelosi"

I mentioned a couple of meetings back that it might be helpful to read Obama's books. I did and I find that we have very little information on this President. The liberal press continues to probe and dissect every aspect of the Republican candidates history and lives, but not a word about Mr. Obama. School records have been sealed, former classmates cannot be found and the funding for his expensive Harvard/Columbia education appears a mystery. I hope the background information; will be pursued by the press in the coming campaign. It might give more insight into his ideology and why decisions are made up as they go along.

It is now less than thirteen months to the election and I expect that our membership will come together to support the Republican field. I am requesting, our membership list be sorted by precincts so that our members will join together in their respective precincts to assist their precinct delegate.

We have three meetings left in 2011, including our December Christmas meeting, where the drawing for the Cruise Raffle will take place.

**Jim Brown**  
President

### CCRC Calendar

Oct	24	Mixer 5:00 pm, Wyvern — Board of Education
Nov	14	November meeting CHYC— Richard Swier
Nov	28	Mixer 5:00 pm, Wyvern — Law enforcement and fire and EMS.
Dec	12	December Annual Meeting and Holiday Gala

# Thanksgiving

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## WIN A ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISE

**Win a Caribbean cruise for two on a Royal Caribbean cruise ship. The prize includes fares, taxes and gratuities for a 4 or 5 night cruise to be taken from September through December. Raffle tickets will be available at all CCRC functions. The drawing is scheduled at the annual Christmas Dinner Meeting December 12, 2011.**



## Christmas is Coming



Look for a special Christmas menu and entertainment along with the election of officers for 2012 and presentation of the 2012 budget for consideration.

It is anticipated that CCRC will continue to support the Salvation Army Christmas Toy donation. Plan to bring an unwrapped toy to the dinner meeting.



In honor of the 44th President of the United States, Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream has introduced a new flavor: "Barocky Road" Barocky Road is a blend of half vanilla, half chocolate, and surrounded by nuts and flakes. The vanilla portion of the mix is not openly advertised and usually denied as an ingredient. The nuts and flakes are all very bitter and hard to swallow. The cost is \$82.84 per

scoop....so out of a hundred dollar bill you are at least promised some CHANGE..!

When purchased it will be presented to you in a large beautiful cone, but after you pay for it, the ice cream is taken away and given to the person in line behind you at no charge.

You are left with an empty wallet, staring at an empty cone and wondering what just happened.

Are you stimulated?



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bases capable of delivering nuclear weapons to the mainland of the United States. While the State Department rejected the charges on May 21 2011, saying that there was “no evidence to support this claim”, the chatter still continues. I hope that this is not another intelligence failure similar to the errors 49 years ago during the Cuban Missile crisis.

On October 22, 1962 President John F. Kennedy, in an address to the nation dealing with missile bases being in Cuba, said, “Within the past week, unmistakable evidence has established the fact that a series of offensive missile sites is now in preparation on that imprisoned island.” Those remarks were not accurate based on my visit to the United States Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in November of 1961 as Counsel to United States Senator Kenneth B. Keating.

It was in late November of 1961 that I landed in Cuba with a Congressional group. We were greeted by Rear Admiral E.J. O’Donnell who was in charge of the Guantanamo Naval Base. On the first night of our visit, Harry Dent and I were briefed by the Admiral as we took a perimeter tour of the Base.

Admiral O’Donnell outlined his views with regard to the Soviet Union’s military buildup in Cuba. Then, he hit us with a statement which I will never forget. This is a quote from my memorandum to Senator Keating:

“Admiral O’Donnell also indicated that there is, in his opinion, conclusive evidence from intelligence sources that missile bases are being constructed in Cuba.” That statement was eleven months before President Kennedy’s October 22, 1962 address to the nation.

When I returned to Washington, I drafted a letter to the Secretary of the Navy which Senator Keating signed. The letter had this request: “If any Intelligence reports have indicated that missile sites are under construction or have been completed, please state what steps the United States Government has taken to confirm or deny their existence.”

The answer from the Navy Department denied knowledge of any construction.

How could the Admiral in charge of the Guantanamo Naval Base tell me that there was “conclusive evidence ... that missile bases were being constructed in Cuba” when the Pentagon denied any such intelligence?

The intelligence community did not properly evaluate and communicate evidence provided by political refugees from Cuba. There was also, at the time, a bureaucratic feeling that Soviet Union would

never introduce missiles so close to the United States.

Today, are we just assuming that Iran would not assist Venezuela in building missile bases capable of attacking the United States? Has our intelligence community taken a hard look at the geography where it is alleged that the bases are under construction?

In the current era of terrorism, the security of the United States demands that we have positive verifications of any possible attacks from overseas or at home. Venezuela, in my opinion, should receive the highest level of scrutiny.

Robert McMillan 

**\$14,896,659,537,463.03**

The national debt on October 20, 2011. Just a few Obama days short of \$15 trillion. Seems to me somebody should be occupying the U. S. Treasury. There isn’t anything else in it!

Congress is well on the way to prove themselves as unable to solve the financial crisis. One Senator stated that if the Gang of Fourteen fails Congress will just pass another spending plan. 

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## Emails to the Editor

Dear Mr. Hitzel,

I am a new member of the CCRC and have enjoyed the events I have attended and plan to participate more in the future.

Regarding the item in the October, 2011 CCRC newsletter titled "Obamacare will stick it to seniors after the 2010 Presidential election", I have been unable to verify the dollar figures cited in the article. I'm wondering what the source is for these statements. As a matter of fact, all of the articles I have found refute these claims. I have seen this information in several emails over the past couple of years and there are other versions with slightly different and/or more complicated claims.

As an insurance agent who markets Medicare supplement and advantage plans, I have had many clients ask me about the Part B premium increases. The basic Part B premium for people who turned 65 in years 2009 and prior had reached \$96.40, for those who turned 65 in 2010, \$110.50 and those who turn 65 in 2011, \$115.40. Since there has not been a recent Social Security cost of living adjustment (COLA), the \$96.40 and \$110.40 premium amounts are currently 'held-harmless' or 'frozen', meaning that the people who aged-in prior to 2010 and those who aged-in in 2010 have not had increases and have paid \$96.40 and \$110.40, respectively, in 2011. There are also additional premiums for those with incomes above certain limits.

In February of this year, CMS projected that the Part B premium would be \$108.20 for people turning 65 in 2012 and \$112.10 for people turning 65 in 2013; these projected amounts are actually lower than the 2011 premium amount. The projection for the Part B premium amount for people turning 65 in 2014 is \$117.10. I spoke to a Medicare rep on the phone this morning and was told that the actual 2012 Part B premium amount would be announced "sometime in November", so we'll

have to wait to see whether the February, 2011 projections are accurate.

Here is a link that discusses the erroneous figures:

<http://www.factcheck.org/2011/04/premium-nonsense-on-medicare/-->

I'm sure that it is important to you as the editor of the newsletter that the information contained in the newsletter be accurate. I will continue to monitor Medicare issues (among others) as part of my continuing education as an insurance agent. Please feel free to call or email me if you think I might have information that may be helpful to you or the CCRC. I will try to answer/research any questions.

Best regards,

Kathy Hansen

Thank you, Kathy, for fact checking me. Our readers will appreciate getting the "just the facts, ma'am" concerning Medicare expenses.

Unfortunately there is so much misinformation on the internet. The latest that has been obvious to me is the many email messages, repeated on Washington Journal by a caller today, that Congress voted to raise their salaries despite the recession. Would that they would have to vote on an increase. They get automatic annual increases based on some formula that does not apply to social security. They have to vote not to accept the increase.

A bill nixing Congress' automatic 2011 pay raise was signed into law in April 2011 by President Barack Obama. The move marks the second consecutive year lawmakers have opted not to receive their automatic cost-of-living increase. The law governing congressional pay raises requires members to vote against getting a raise. Otherwise, the increase takes effect automatically.

John Hitzel



## Government Motors Update

**Subject:** General (Govt) Motors...

If this doesn't sting your behind, you are not an American. And if you think GM isn't being subsidized by you, you are naive. GM can't be competitive and stay in business paying their employees \$57/hr and giving them these kind of bonuses. The tax payers and the unions are keeping GM in business. And of course the government will claim that through their expertise and guidance, they have made GM a super profitable, competitive enterprise.

How do you like the government taking money out of your pocket and giving it to GM employees and the UAW. What do you call that? I call it pure and simple thievery. Our government representatives will do anything including criminal theft to buy the votes necessary to stay in office.

On March 29, 2009 Obama and his Administration took over General Motors by firing the CEO, Rick Wagoner, and the 12 Directors. The bailout cost to the taxpayers was about \$65 billion in all, if one counts government aid to the company's former financial arm, formerly GMAC, now renamed Ally Bank. This was the first time our Federal Government took over a private company and one that is pure socialism but in this case communism.

On February 14, 2011 GM paid bonuses of at least \$4,000 each to its union workers -- by far the largest bonuses the automaker has ever paid its blue-collar employees. Before this, the biggest bonus GM ever paid its union employees was \$1,775 in 1999.

Today, September 19, 2011 the United Auto Workers (UAW) signed a new agreement with GM or should I say Obama. As a signing bonus, each union member gets a \$5,000 kicker.

Yep you got it - SIGNING BONUS! This means in seven months the UAW union members have received bonuses of \$9,000 (\$4,000 + \$5,000). And I ask you, for doing what?

And to put the icing on the cake, each UAW member will cost GM an average of \$57 per hour for salary and benefits!

**And, we the taxpayers bailed-out a company like GM which is now controlled by our Federal Government and Unions.**

## Wake-Up America

Thank you Frank Sturges for this update! 



## Thanksgiving 2022

"Winston, come into the dining room, it's time to eat," Julia yelled to her husband. "In a minute, honey, it's a tie score," he answered. Actually Winston wasn't very interested in the traditional holiday football game between Detroit and Washington.

Ever since the government passed the Civility in Sports Statute of 2017, outlawing tackle football for its "unseemly violence" and the "bad example it sets for the rest of the world," Winston was far less of a football fan than he used to be. Two-hand touch wasn't nearly as exciting.

Yet it wasn't the game that Winston was uninterested in. It was more the thought of eating another Tofu Turkey. Even though it was the best type of Veggie Meat available after the government revised the American Anti-Obesity Act of 2018, adding fowl to the list of federally-forbidden foods, (which already included potatoes, cranberry sauce and mince-meat pie), it wasn't anything like real turkey. And ever since the government officially changed the name of "Thanksgiving Day" to "A National Day of Atonement" in 2020 to officially acknowledge the Pilgrims' historically brutal treatment of Native Americans, the holiday had lost a lot of its luster.

Eating in the dining room was also a bit daunting. The unearthly gleam of government-mandated fluorescent light bulbs made the Tofu Turkey look even weirder than it actually was, and the room was always cold. Ever since Congress passed the Power Conservation Act of 2016,

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**TEA PARTY OF PUNTA GORDA  
FEDERAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN'S MONTHLY REPORT  
OCTOBER 6, 2011**

**THE QUESTION OF THE AGES and FOOD  
FOR THOUGHT**

**IS THIS COUNTRY CAPABLE OF PAYING  
BACK ITS DEBT AS IT CURRENTLY EXISTS  
AND GIVEN ITS FUTURE FUNDING RE-  
QUIREMENTS AND COMMITMENTS?**

Facts/Projections On Debt Status and Entitlement Funding Commitments:

Current Debt totals about **\$14.7T of which \$10.1T is held by the public** (including foreign)

Unfunded liabilities to cover Entitlement Programs: Many analysts provide a wide range for such unfunded debt. For example, USA Today-\$61.6T; Heritage Foundation-\$63T; GAO (2007)-\$53T; Real Wealth (Larry Edelson)-\$110T; and National Review (Kevin Williamson)-\$100T.

**Average of Unfunded Liability Estimates: \$77.5T**

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac: Currently in receivership with Federal Government Oversight under which the taxpayers of the country are funding operating losses. The country has now guaranteed payment on these institutions' debt/bond guarantees, which Forbes states exceeds **\$5.T**. To date, the government has advanced about \$160B to cover monthly operating losses and that policy will continue, as the Treasury opines this amount could rise to in excess of \$300B.

Current CBO debt estimates for 2021 amount to **\$25T of which about \$18T is publicly held**.

If ObamaCare is not repealed or ruled constitutional by the Supreme Court, you can conservatively add another need for funds which could hit **\$1T**

**Total Estimated Liabilities of the United States: \$108.8T** (Real Wealth states that the estimated market value of every asset owned in the United States in 2010 totaled **\$74T** so the balance sheet of the country qualifies for bankruptcy court---except the Fed can print money, but that option is the Road to Financial Oblivion)

Given: (1) our economy is generating less than \$15T of GDP per year and appears to be entering a period (maybe extended) of stagflation; (2) the CBO cur-

rently estimates additional borrowings through 2021 of \$10.3T; (3) Interest rates are at historical lows and when inflation hits because the Fed has printed about 3T more dollars since 2007 [Gaian Economics- 9/27/11] with probably more such action happening in the future, the odds are great that within the next 3 years interest rates will spike adding hundreds of billions more of annual expense to cover interest; (4) the political will is not there to initiate/enact the very tough things necessary to create a federal budget capable of providing the surpluses necessary to pay back/cover the debt; and (5) nationally the country does not nearly have the asset values to pay the  true debt; therefore,

**the prima facie evidence is that the country cannot repay its existing Treasury Debt let alone cover its future liabilities outside of the Federal Reserve printing significantly more dollars thereby trashing the value of the dollar on foreign markets (maybe by as much as 70%) and allowing the country to repay its debt with substantially devalued dollars.** The inflation created by such a disastrous Fed policy would be catastrophic and certainly wipe out a major portion of the wealth of most Americans.

To allow the country to have a fighting chance to pay back its debt, the debt must be first restructured (40% of the debt has maturities of less than one year) to near an average maturity of 20 years and the economy must be positioned to generate GDP Growth of 5%-7% annually.

The latter can be done with major corporate and individual tax reductions, having **every** family pay some amount of non-FICA tax assessments, cutting the size of government to accommodate such tax reductions, initiate comprehensive tort reform and initiate a major reduction in the thousands of bureaucratic regulations, which are causing a continuous outflow from the country of millions of jobs.

We must elect at every level of government people who are fearless, astute and very knowledgeable of finance and economics for the current incumbents mostly do not possess such attributes.

Editor's note! This is an excerpt from the title report.

John Hitzel 



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