Dinner Menu—July 11, 2011

Soup du Jour
Choice of
Beef & Bleu Salad
Romaine hearts & seasoned croutons w/ Caesar dressing, topped w/grilled bistro steak, slow roasted tomatoes & bleu cheese crumbles

Or
Chicken Saltimbocca
Sautéed chicken layered with fresh mozzarella, prosciutto and fresh sage.
Served with Truffle-cream sauce

Or
Grilled Redfish with a green tomato-mango relish

Or
Vegetarian Plate
Served with vegetables, rolls and butter, dessert and coffee, tea or unflavored iced tea.

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http://www.ccflrc.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.

Meet Adam Hasner—Candidate for U. S. Senate from Florida.
July 11 CCRC Dinner Speaker

The following is a quote reprinted from the Daily Caller. “Right now we need more Republicans who are not only prepared to take on Democrats, but take on Republicans when they stray,” Hasner told The DC. “I don’t blame just Democrats for the problems we face today,” he explained. “I think Republican share in blame. That’s why we need leaders in Washington who will have courage to challenge both Democrats and Republicans.”

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Our Choice at the Polls: Stimulus Forever or Fiscal Sanity

By Bill Jones

While you are reading this article, your thrifty federal government, depending on your reading speed, will be borrowing somewhere in the vicinity of $10 million, clipping along, relentlessly, at $58,000 per second!

No problem. The Democrats in Congress, led

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Australian Yachts CEO Michael Antelac is CCRC's August Dinner meeting Speaker. Australian Yachts is an early recipient of an enhanced Charlotte County economic development grant. Learn first hand the perspective from the company President regarding the decision to relocate to Charlotte County.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

The media is at it again. A man in Georgia decided to rob a bank for the sum of $1.00, that’s right one dollar. The reason he cited was he wanted to get arrested in order to get free medical care. The network I saw, ABC indicated this demonstrates, the need for a solution to our heath care crisis, citing the man’s desperation. What the left wing media failed to disclose was that there was a free clinic near the street, where the man lived.

In addition to hospital emergency rooms that freely accept patients, there are a number of free clinics that are funded by our tax dollars as well as private donations. The news slant follows the Obamacare theme that our country is devoid of any medical alternatives. This theme will get play as the 2012 election draws near.

The REC will be drawing the lottery for delegates to Presidential 5, this Thursday 6/23/11. I hope our members took advantage to sign up for this event.

Remember the Wyvern Social 6/23/11, law enforcement will be the Honored Officials

Recent quote in the letterbox: “The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people’s money “ Margaret Thatcher

JIM BROWN, PRESIDENT

The pen is mightier when wielded by CCRC members. The Sun newspaper has seen fit to print a rash of CCRC member letters to the editor. There have been at least five such letters in the past month. The letters I have in mind began with a Bob Reichert’s May 15th letter combining alligators, Obama / SEIU history and the Communist Party of America.

Bob’s letter was soon followed by Bill Folchi defending Governor Scott’s budget cuts and, most important, noting the Charlotte Sun did not need an additional liberal opinion from the St. Pete liberal press.

No sooner did I compliment Bill’s letter when I read Frank Mazur’s letter relating the Carter “Misery Index” to the Obama Administration.

Next Lorraine Folchi’s letter was published taking task with the Obama’s administration’s change to a “new normal” for an acceptable rate unemployment at 7% and, of course, related liberal benefits for the welfare society.

Bob Reichert is the bookend for this article with a letter that appeared in the June 18th Sun. A usual Reichert hard hitting message noting the educational social brainwashing activity and the younger generation Americans lack of knowledge of all the failed communist experiments in recent history.

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On China
Robert R. McMillan

As a general rule, my columns have never been book reviews. Today will be a partial exception. Let me explain. The piece will be about Henry Kissinger’s new book, “On China.”

Ever since my involvement in helping to open China for Avon Products back in 1984, I have been fascinated with the country. In addition, prior to 1984, I was from 1977 to 1978 responsible for all of Avon’s businesses in Asia and the Pacific. And prior to those assignments, I served in Korea. All of these involvements have kept me curious and informed about that part of the world.

Because of the above, I could not resist get-

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CCRC Calendar

June 27 Mixer 5:00 pm, Wyvern — Airport Authority
July 11 July meeting CHYC — Adam Hasner
July 25 Mixer 5:00 pm, Wyvern — County Commissioners
Aug 15 August meeting CHYC — Michael Antelac
Aug 22 Mixer 5:00 pm, Wyvern — Constitutional Officers
Sept 12 September meeting CHYC — Sen. Mike Haridopolos (Senate candidate)
Sept 26 Mixer 5:00 pm, Wyvern — School Board
Oct 10 October meeting CHYC — Se. George Lemieux (Senate candidate)
Oct 24 Mixer 5:00 pm, Wyvern — Airport Authority

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by the president, have a simple solution to our country’s profound financial crisis: just raise the debt ceiling and borrow some more. Not to worry about the future. Everything’s going to be OK. Trust us.

Columnist George Will has a rather apt description of the process: “Obama’s policy of Stimulus Forever.”

Columnist Charles Krauthammer laments “Obama’s determination to fundamentally transform America...to complete his coveted European-style social-democratic project,” and bankrupt the country at the same time.

But the Republican leadership isn’t buying into this whole process of radical liberalism, even if Obama is frantically trying to position himself, lately, toward the center, gearing for re-election. The leadership has announced its intention to begin to reintroduce fiscal sanity by cutting the budget by $2.5 trillion over the next ten years.

What’s even more interesting, however, is a closer look at some of the budget items they want to cut, or, far more precisely, asking, wondrously, how they got into the budget in the first place!

Let’s start with a one billion dollar savings by mandating the collection of unpaid taxes by federal employees! You read correctly, $1 billion could be saved by requiring federal employees to pay their taxes. (Try not paying yourself, and see how far you get!)

How about saving $1.5 billion by selling excess federal properties the government owns but doesn’t use? Or saving $1.2 billion by prohibiting taxpayer-funded union activities by federal employees? Or eliminating 68 duplicative federal education programs at a saving of $1.3 billion annually?

Then there’s a Community Development Fund, $4.5 billion annually; cutting the federal travel budget in half, $7.5 billion annually; New Start Transit, $2 billion annually; intercity and high speed rail grants, $2.5 billion annually, and eliminating Obamacare administrative costs, $900 million.

Not to mention chump change like essential air services, $150 million; Woodrow Wilson Center subsidy, $20 million; beach replenishment, $95 million; presidential campaign fund, $775 million; federal office space acquisition, $864 million; family planning, $318 million, the National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program, $56 million, and $250 million for economic assistance to Egypt.

And, saving the best for last, there’s a critical $9 million annually for “exchange programs for Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and their historical trading partners in Massachusetts,” as well as $1 million in vitally necessary “mohair subsidies.”

To quote Herman Cain’s venerable, wonderfully succinct grandmother, “It’s a mess!”

But, gee, grandma, a billion or two here and a few million there, and, not to worry, pretty soon we might be talking about real money!

Bill Jones

National Debt June 20, 2011

The national debt subject to the debt limit is $14.358,866,985,654.51

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CCRC on Facebook.
Go to http://www.facebook.com/CharlotteCountyRepublicanClub. Social media is a way to reach more people with the Republican message. If you already “like” our page, suggest that your friends do too!
Even I managed to get a letter printed during this time period. It was a POed response to incompetent criticism of Ken Roberson and Stephen R. Deutsch in an earlier Sun letter.

In case you missed any of the letters they are reprinted here.

**Bob Reichert’s lead off letter.**

Obama and SEIU

It was a typical morning when I went outside to view Paradise, there was a fairly decent sized alligator. He was across the creek and I knew from experience and observation that he was not a threat. I understood him. Then there was the water moccasin snake coiled up on the retaining wall just onto the lawn. Of what I knew about him I decided to keep a safe distance. While residing in Florida I have learned to identify and avoid those creatures that could harm me. In the past two and a half years I also learned to identify Barack Obama and I know that his policies are harming the Nation.

Going as far back as the 2004 Senate Campaign, Obama said that he and SEIU were united. In a January 15, 2008 speech before SEIU he stated, “I have been working with SEIU before I was elected to anything.” He also said, “We are going to paint the nation purple”, a reference to the SEIU color. And this: “Let’s together change the country”. SEIU raised $60 million dollars for the 2008 Obama Presidential Race, provided over 100,000 volunteers, 3000 full time.

On May 7, 2011 SEIU and the Communist Party of America marched arm in arm in Los Angeles. Both groups were photographed together, SEIU carrying their union signs and a communist member carry a placard that read: “From Wisconsin to Libya workers of the world unite! Fight for communism!”

I think I know all there is to know of Barack Obama.

Bob Reichert
Punta Gorda, FL
May 15, 2011

**Bill Folchi’s defense of the Scott budget.**

Editor (Bill Folchi)

As if you weren’t already drowning in a sea of liberalism, you now pull in reinforcements from St. Petersburg. We don’t need another liberal opinion to tell us the way to fix the economy is to create more government jobs not eliminate them. The loss of 4,500 government jobs will improve the economy not slow it down. Of course these are all well intended people and their individual situations are unfortunate. But reality is that all of the jobs eliminated were a burden on the economy. Government jobs cost tax dollars. More taxes cause less business in the real economy and less real jobs.

Dropping government spending by $542 per student will not make things worse. Florida is already at the bottom of the list. The solution to that problem is to improve school efficiency at all levels. When the economy improves by reducing the size and cost of government, tax revenues will actually increase and government will have more dollars to improve the infrastructure.

The comment on the Everglades underlines the problem of big government. When did $30 million become a “token” amount. The quote of “hundreds of thousands of jobs” is a ridiculous exaggeration. Why not pile on the comment about the fiscal wisdom of not entering into an agreement with the federal government? Does any one think we lose money when we don’t enter into a business agreement to build a train that doesn’t go anywhere and will never have a large enough ridership to pay for it’s operation, not to mention the original capital investment?

**Frank Mazur’s Misery Index.**

Misery Index

When Ronald Reagan ran for president he placed the misery index label around Jimmy Carter’s neck and made him a one term president. Carter’s 20% misery index comprised of reported unemployment plus inflation.

Can the misery index apply today to President Obama? Are you better off today than you were two years ago?

Today 57 million Americans (~14%) are in poverty and receive food stamps. In the past two years the poverty rate increased 8% and food stamps 35%.

Obama carefully monitors unemployment. His Administration reports it’s hovering around 9% but that doesn’t include long term unemployed, people who no longer draw unemployment benefits. This increases total unemployment closer to 15%.

Aren’t we now experiencing price surging when
we purchase food and gasoline? The Obama Administration says inflation is around 2% but that index doesn’t include gasoline which alone increased 100%+ in 2 years and food. People are driving less and skimping on food because these price increases dramatically stress their budgets.

With this blend of unemployment, an inflationary spiral ready to take off, plus our spiraling national debt, which requires President Obama to borrow $58,000 a second every day or about $580,000 since you started reading this letter. Don’t you think the sum total of Obama’s Misery Index will explode?

Don’t believe what Obama’s saying only what you’re experiencing unless you’re in a political fantasy world. It makes the disaster of the Carter Administration seem like boom years once the full Obama redistribution agenda is allowed takes hold.

Frank Mazur
Punta Gorda, Florida

Lorraine Folchi’s “New Normal”

If all else fails, move the needle. Your June 10, article on the “New Normal” is yet another case of accommodating an incompetent administration by finding a more favorable way of measuring its lackluster performance. The pattern was established early on when the administration of change, in search of a way of explaining its complete failure to meet its only tangible campaign promise, “creating jobs”, invented the saved job. This immediately enabled the failed president to be successful by saving jobs that might have been lost. This was indeed fertile ground. There are lots more saved jobs available than old fashioned, jobs created and they are so much easier to produce. Continue the theme by describing the economy with another liberal interpretation of reality. The economy is not better because it was worse than we thought it was when we promised to fix it. This is really the gift that keeps on giving. Whenever things get bad it’s because the administration has really fixed them but they were actually a little worse. Now comes the “New Normal”. The beauty of this approach is no one has to do anything at all to fix the problem. We just redefine success as 7% unemployment rather than that stale old fashioned 4% that all the other administrations had to live with. Ultimately we will get down to a measure of success that even this administration can achieve. After all, if the new normal is 7%, the Brand New Normal of 9.5% might be just around the corner. We are almost there. We all new the “Change” was working. All we needed was a new definition.

Bob Reichert’s Brainwashing from the socialists

Brainwashing from the socialists
Editor:

Many years ago when my three daughters went off to college they left with a solid conservative background, but after completing five or more years of higher education, two of the three returned home as liberals. Apparently, I missed something. In talking with other parents I learned that they too suffered the same experience. So, my unscientific poll revealed that our children are being brainwashed by a leftist, socialist college faculty. And just yesterday, a news clip showed a teacher of elementary school children leading the class in a song whose words promote the boycott of big corporations. Guess they don’t realize that the local McDonald’s is one such corporation. That got me to thinking.

No doubt, with thanks to the NEA, the younger generation has no idea what a Marxist-socialist state is all about. I doubt that anyone under the age of 40 knows anything about the overthrow of Tsar Nicholas of Russia, the Cuban revolution or even the hijacking of democracy by Chavez in Venezuela. The basic theme of the takeover of each of these political systems is the “redistribution of wealth.” That should sound familiar.

Every word uttered by Obama, every regulation enacted by the administration’s tsars and every piece of legislation passed by the Pelosi and Reid Congress smacked of socialism and the redistribution of wealth. Ever wonder how many successful business persons or corporations were able to succeed without personal wealth or a bank loan from one of those large corporate banks? Or, how many successful newspaper publishers redistribute their earned wealth?

Bob Reichert
Punta Gorda

Last, in support of our members, my latest.

Deutsch Roberson
lauded as statesmen

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A recent letter writer was highly critical of Messrs. Stephen Deutsch and Ken Roberson given that they occupy part-time positions in local county and state public office. Rather than note any specific issues with which the author disagreed, he merely noted that Commissioner Deutsch had “diatribe” columns published by this paper noting long work hours and House member Roberson voted Republican. Ah, that is, he voted with the Republican fascists. Surely an indication of the writer’s astute political analysis.

Elected officials and those unsuccessful candidates for political office of any party, along with all serious citizens, should take great offense at your letter. Public officials hold the office as a result of winning a vote of the majority of citizens. Those same officials, regardless of party, are men and women of integrity and are guided by their political beliefs that caused them to win office. I suggest the author of the letter run for political office. Commission seat District 5 is up in the next election along with all state House seats. Start gathering signatures to get on the ballot. He could take a lesson from the Stephen R. Deutsch grassroots campaign. Political observers rated that campaign as one of the best ever run in this county (long hours). He could take a lesson from Kenneth Roberson’s demeanor. He will not be referring to political opponents as fascists. If successful he will know that elected officials have an awesome responsibility voting their conscience and the wishes of the electorate. I don’t think he will call names or criticize work schedules.

Thank you, Messrs. Deutsch and Roberson, for your statesmanship.

John Hitzel

That is the last month’s crop of letters from CCRC members. Now, let us all get to work with the pen. Our goal should be 75 letters a year from membership. The Sun paper allows one per month from each writer. Mark you calendars.

John Hitzel

And from the internet!

A Harley biker is riding by the zoo in Washington, DC when he sees a little girl leaning into the lion’s cage. Suddenly, the lion grabs her by the cuff of her jacket and tries to pull her inside to slaughter her, under the eyes of her screaming parents.

The biker jumps off his Harley, runs to the cage and hits the lion square on the nose with a powerful punch. Whimpering from the pain the lion jumps back letting go of the girl, and the

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The "Dirty Little Secret Behind the Chevy Volt".... The Rest of the Story.............

Patrick Michaels is a senior fellow in Environmental Studies at the Cato Institute and the editor of the forthcoming Climate Coup: Global Warming’s Invasion of our Government and our Lives.

His Forbes column on the Chevy Volt is a case study in the nexus between big government corruption and big business rent-seeking.

Michaels briefly recaps the well-known consumer fraud in which GM has touted the Volt as an all-electric mass production vehicle on the supposed basis of which its sales receive a $7,500 taxpayer subsidy, which still renders it overpriced and unmarketable. Michaels notes that "sales are anemic: 326 in December, 321 in January, and 281 in February." There seems to be a trend here.

Michaels adds that GM has announced a production run of 100,000 in the first two years and asks what appears to be a rhetorical question: "Who is going to buy all these cars?"

But wait! Keep hope alive! There is a positive answer to the question. Jeffrey Immelt’s GE will buy a boatload of those uneconomic GM cars. Here the case study opens onto the inevitable political angle: Recently, President Obama selected General Electric CEO Jeffrey Immelt to chair his Economic Advisory Board.

GE is also awash in windmills waiting to be subsidized so they can provide unreliable, expensive power. Consequently, and soon after his appointment, Immelt announced that GE will buy 50,000 Volts in the next two years, or half the total produced. Assuming the corporation qualifies for the same tax credit, we (you and I) just shelled out $375,000 to a company to buy cars that no one else wants, so that GM will not tank and produce even more cars that no one wants. And this guy is the chair of Obama’s Economic Advisory Board? But of course.

Michaels includes this hilarious detail in his case study: In a telling attempt to preserve battery power, the heater is exceedingly weak. Consumer Reports said their tests averaged a paltry 25 miles of electric-only running, in part because it was testing in cold Connecticut. The [GM] engineer at the Auto Show said cold weather...
would have little effect.) It will be interesting to see what the range is on a hot, traffic-jammed summer day, when the air conditioner will really tax the batteries. When the gas engine came on, Consumer Reports got about 30 miles to the gallon of premium fuel; which, in terms of additional cost of high-test gas, drives the effective mileage closer to 27 mpg. A conventional Honda Accord, which seats 5 (instead of the Volt’s 4), gets 34 mpg on the highway, and costs less than half of what CR paid, even with the tax break.

The story of the GM Volt deserves a place in the Harvard Business School curriculum....but of course, it won’t. It’s a classic tale of the GOVERNMENT deciding what the public needs, not the marketplace.

PS.- What is one of the reasons for this? Why.. to keep the UAW in business, because Obama owes them for his election. Starting to make sense yet?

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Kissinger’s book. It was 530 pages of reading with 35 pages of detailed notes. It was a fascinating read! I could not recommend more the reading of the book, because the future of the United States is so closely tied to that of China.

The book starts with a great review of China’s early history and ancient past with Chinese ships sailing the globe before Christopher Columbus. Every chapter of China’s evolution was explored in detail. Kissinger detailed the rise of Communism and Mao Zedong, who had declared war on Chinese traditional art, culture and modes of thought.

Kissinger then reviews the Korean War which engaged Chinese soldiers in support of North Korea. The book goes on to explain, in detail, confrontations with the United States in Vietnam, Cambodia and Taiwan. Throughout the book, Kissinger also explores tensions between the then Soviet Union which, at one time, had over one million Soviet troops deployed along China’s northern border.

Soon the United States was involved in “Triangular Diplomacy” with the ball bouncing between China, the United States, and the Soviet Union. In fact, Kissinger documents carefully the possibility of War between China and the Soviet Union back in 1969.

All of this leads up to Kissinger’s description of how Richard Nixon opened the door to China in February, 1972. Please let me state again that the notes and personal dialogue between Kissinger and Chinese leaders could not have been in more detail.

One personal footnote to Kissinger’s detailed description of his secret trip to China in July of 1971 to arrange for President Nixon’s visit was the stop Kissinger made in New Delhi, India on the way to China. My former boss, Senator Kenneth B. Keating, then U.S. Ambassador to India, met Kissinger’s un-marked plane and missed a breakfast with India’s Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Keating informed the Prime Minister’s office that his alarm clock failed to work, and that was the reason for not making the breakfast. Interestingly, when Keating left India to become Ambassador to Israel, Prime Minister Gandhi gave him an alarm clock as a going away present. By that time, the secret visit to china, with the stop in New Delhi, had been made public.

Again, I highly recommend Henry Kissinger’s book “On China” as a must read to better understand the growing importance of China in the future of the United States.

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biker brings her to her terrified parents, who thank him endlessly.

A reporter has watched the whole event. The reporter addressing the Harley rider says, 'Sir, this was the most gallant and brave thing I've seen a man do in my whole life.' The Harley rider replies, 'Why, it was nothing, really, the lion was behind bars. I just saw this little kid in danger and acted as I felt right.' The reporter says, 'Well, I'll make sure this won't go unnoticed. I'm a journalist, and tomorrow's paper will have this story on the front page... So, what do you do for a living and what political affiliation do you have?' The biker replies, 'I'm a U.S. Marine and a Republican.'

The journalist leaves. The following morning the biker buys the paper to see news of his actions, and reads, on the front page: U.S. MARINE ASSAULTS AFRICAN IMMIGRANT AND STEALS HIS LUNCH

That pretty much sums up the media’s approach to the news these days.

And

Here’s something that really bugs me. In the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005 that was originated in the Republican House and signed into law by a Republican president there’s a provision that requires states and local municipalities to withhold 3 percent of nearly all payments for goods and services and remit that money to the IRS for income tax purposes. This withholding is to commence in 2013.