

CCRC Annual Meeting and Christmas Gala

Menu



Program

December 13, 2010 Dinner Menu
Reception with passed Hors D'oeuvres
CHYC Salad with dressing
Choice of
Slow Roasted Prime Rib of Beef with
Fresh horseradish jus
 Or
Duck a La Orange
 Or
Cedar Plank Salmon
 Or
Vegetarian Plate
Tiramisu Dessert

Call: *Peg Thompson (941) 391-6610*
 or, complete and mail the order form or, to
 reserve on line click below:

http://ccflrc.org/nextMtg_OnlineReg.html

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Continuous dance music by well known Southwest Florida artist **Tim Goodman** beginning at 5:00 pm. The evening will start with Hors D'oeuvres passed by the CHYC wait staff to include

- Sun Dried Tomato Pesto & Fresh Buffalo Mozzarella Tartlets
- Caprese Bruschetta- Buffalo Mozzarella seasoned Tomatoes & Balsamic reduction
- Cream Cheese and Pecan Stuffed Mushrooms
- Dates and Bacon with Smoked Almonds

The formal program includes:

- Election of Officers for 2011
- Approval of the 2011 Budget
- Approval of the 2011 Calendar
- Approval of Bylaw change

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• **Toy Donation**



Major Caleb Prieto of the Salvation Army will be on hand to collect Donated Gifts for needy Children. Please bring an unwrapped Gift to donate to this worthy program

President's Message

October was a great month but November was fantastic! The entire Republican cabinet slate was elected. Congratulations to Rick Scott and Jennifer Carroll, Adam Putnam, Pam Bondi and Jeff Atwater. Congratulations to Senator Marco Rubio who began campaigning in Charlotte County over 2 years ago. Congratulations to Ken Roberson and Paige Kreegel and our 1st Vice President, Chris Constance who won his race for Commissioner in district 2 easily, as did Charles Wallace who retained his City Council seat. The campaign to replace Democrats in the Florida House delegation got a perfect score electing all four targets: Steve Southerland, CD 2; Daniel Webster, CD 8; Allen West, CD 22 and Sandy Adams, CD 24 bringing the Florida House Republicans total to 19 vs 6 from the other side. Nationally we gained 60 seats.

While we had a great night on November 2, 2010, the battle is not even close to being won. We still have a Congress run from the extreme left by Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi and a defiant president who still does not believe that the American people don't agree with his policies. We will have to double the effort in 2011 and 2012.

Goings On:

We traditionally do not have a speaker in December. We will hold the election of officers and approval of the budget for the coming year and devote the balance of the time to celebrating the coming Christmas Holiday with our Republican friends. We will have dancing to music by Tim Goodman and a great evening of celebration.

2011 Program. Your Program Committee has already begun putting the 2011 program together and has arranged to have Mr. Thomas S. Drolet as our speaker to talk about energy policy, Mr. Drolet was CEO of Ontario Hydro, the larger producer of electric power in Canada and part of a conglomerate that provides power to 49 countries throughout the world. Power generation will be the most important topic of discussion in the next two years as liberals attempt to use the Global Warming rouse to scare the public into higher taxes through Cap and Trade a criminal act even worse than Obamacare if that's possible.

Mixer. There will be no Mixer in December, we will be back at the Wyvern in January.

This will be my last message to you as CCRC President. It has been a great two years. Thank you for all of your help and friendship. I hope you have had as much fun as I have.

Bill Folchi

CCRC Officer 2011 Election Candidates

The Nominating Committee has presented the following list of candidates for CCRC officer positions to lead the club in 2011.

- Candidate for President—Jim Brown. Jim is the current Second Vice President of CCRC. Jim performed the duties of membership and participated in all Board activities. Current First Vice President, Chris Constance, was very recently elected to the county commission and therefore not eligible for office in CCRC.
- 1st Vice President—Eugene Murtha. Eugene joined CCRC in February 2010 and has contributed to numerous club activities. Jim is an experienced organization leader and will bring great skill to the CCRC Board.
- 2nd Vice President—Barry Jollett. Barry is a more recent member of CCRC and enthusiastically accepted the opportunity to manage the membership as a candidate for 2nd Vice President.
- Recording Secretary—Robyn Biluk. Robyn currently occupies the position and is the best candidate to continue in the position.
- Corresponding Secretary—Bob Reichert. Bob is a political activist in the community and will be an asset to the CCRC leadership if elected to the office.
- Treasurer—Claire Phelen. Claire currently occupies the position and is the best candidate to continue in the position.



Can Donation

The St. Vincent De Paul Society is collecting food for the needy. In this economy, they have more request than usual. Please bring canned food for this critical need.



Web sites: CCRC—charlottecountyrepublicanclub.org
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January Speaker—Thomas S. Drolet Energy Policy

Thomas S. Drolet

Mr. Thomas Drolet is a Canadian living in Granite Falls, North Carolina, USA. Mr. Drolet spent 26 years with Ontario Hydro in various engineering, research and operations functions. He formed Canada's research and development program into Fusion engineering and technology (CFFTP) in 1982 and then moved into International commercial work with Ontario Hydro International, a spin-off unit of the world's fourth largest electrical utility, where he was named President and CEO in 1993. His duties included all aspects of marketing, project management, and operations with electrical utilities in over 40 countries worldwide. He then joined DTE Energy Technologies in May 2000. As Vice President, International Business, he was responsible for developing international markets, partners and sales for DTE Energy Technologies extensive distributed generation product portfolio. Prior to joining DTE Energy Technologies, Mr. Drolet was Managing Director of American Electric Power Canada, and President of Canadian Energy Opportunities, Inc. where he was involved in mergers, acquisitions and other consulting activities in the Canadian and US power sectors. Mr. Drolet has a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from Royal Military College in Canada, a Masters of Science degree in Chemical Engineering and a DIC from Imperial College, University of London, England.

Mr. Robert Levy, Chairman of the Cato Institute will speak to CCRC at the February meeting on **Constitutional Relevance in the Age of Obama. Don't miss this one!**

Bylaws Proposal

A proposal to amend the Bylaws to provide for student membership for Registered Republican persons enrolled as students in an institution of higher learning. The proposal established dues at \$1.00 per year for such membership.

The membership will be asked to vote on the Bylaw change at the December Annual Meeting.

CCRC Calendar

- Nov 22 Mixer 5:00 pm, Wyvern Hotel Supervisor of Elections
- Dec 13 Annual Meeting CHYC
- Jan 10 January meeting CHYC
- Jan 24 Mixer 5:00 pm, Wyvern Hotel—County Commissioners



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National Debt
November 18, 2010

\$13,802,311,238,768.01

\$1,000,000,000—Can you measure one billion dollars?

This is too true to be funny.

The next time you hear a politician use the
Word 'billion' in a casual manner, think about
Whether you want the 'politicians' spending YOUR tax money.
A billion is a difficult number to comprehend,
But one advertising agency did a good job of
Putting that figure into some perspective in
One of it's releases.

A.

A billion seconds ago it was 1959.

B.

A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive.

C.

A billion hours ago our ancestors were Living in the Stone Age.

D.

A billion days ago no-one walked on the earth on two feet.

E.

A billion dollars ago was only 8 hours and 20 minutes, At the rate our government Is spending it.

*While this thought is still fresh in our brain...
let's take a look at New Orleans ...
It's amazing what you can learn with some simple division.*

Louisiana Senator,
Mary Landrieu (D)
Is presently asking Congress for
250 BILLION DOLLARS
To rebuild New Orleans . Interesting number...
>What does it mean?

A.

Well .. If you are one of the 484,674 residents of New Orleans
(every man, woman, and child)
You each get **\$516,528.**

B..

Or.... If you have one of the 188,251 homes in New Orleans , your home gets**\$1,329,787..**

C.

Or... If you are a family of four....
Your family gets**\$2,066,012.**

Washington , D. C

HELLO!

Are all your calculators broken??

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Building Permit Tax
CDL License Tax
Cigarette Tax
Corporate Income Tax
Dog License Tax
Federal Income Tax (Fed)
Federal Unemployment Tax (FU TA)
Fishing License Tax
Food License Tax
Fuel Permit Tax
Gasoline Tax
Hunting License Tax
Inheritance Tax
Inventory Tax
IRS Interest Charges
(tax on top of tax)
IRS Penalties tax on top of tax)
Liquor Tax
Luxury Tax
Marriage License Tax
Medicare Tax
Property Tax
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Social Security Tax
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Vehicle License Registration Tax
Vehicle Sales Tax
Watercraft Registration Tax
Well Permit Tax

Workers Compensation Tax
(And to think, we left British
Rule to avoid so many taxes)

STILL THINK THIS IS FUNNY?

Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago.....

And our nation was the most prosperous in the world.

We had absolutely no national debt....

We had the largest middle class in the world.....

And Mom stayed home to raise the kids.

What happened?

Can you spell:

'POLITICIANS!'

And I still have to

Press '1'

For English.



19 Facts About The Deindustrialization Of America That Will Blow Your Mind

(Editor's note: As with most topics with political implications there exists a variety of views concerning the manufacturing base in this country. It is telling to me that unions in the USA must depend on federal, state and local governments for their very existence. That is another topic for another time but is certainly an indicator of the state of manufacturing in the United States. The following is one persons view of the issue.)

The United States is rapidly becoming the very first "post-industrial" nation on the globe. All great economic empires eventually become fat and lazy and squander the great wealth that their forefathers have left them, but the pace at which America is accomplishing this is absolutely amazing. It was America that was at the forefront of the industrial revolution. It was America that showed the world how to mass produce everything from automobiles to televisions to airplanes. It was the great American manufacturing base that crushed Germany and

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Japan in World War II.

But now we are witnessing the deindustrialization of America. Tens of thousands of factories have left the United States in the past decade alone. Millions upon millions of manufacturing jobs have been lost in the same time period. The United States has become a nation that consumes everything in sight and yet produces increasingly little. Do you know what our biggest export is today? Waste paper. Yes, trash is the number one thing that we ship out to the rest of the world as we voraciously blow our money on whatever the rest of the world wants to sell to us. The United States has become bloated and spoiled and our economy is now just a shadow of what it once was. Once upon a time America could literally out produce the rest of the world combined. Today that is no longer true, but Americans sure do consume more than anyone else in the world. If the deindustrialization of America continues at this current pace, what possible kind of a future are we going to be leaving to our children?

Any great nation throughout history has been great at making things. So if the United States continues to allow its manufacturing base to erode at a staggering pace how in the world can the U.S. continue to consider itself to be a great nation? We have created the biggest debt bubble in the history of the world in an effort to maintain a very high standard of living, but the current state of affairs is not anywhere close to sustainable. Every single month America goes into more debt and every single month America gets poorer.

So what happens when the debt bubble pops?

The deindustrialization of the United States should be a top concern for every man, woman and child in the country. But sadly, most Americans do not have any idea what is going on around them.

For people like that, take this article and print it out and hand it to them. Perhaps what they will read below will shock them badly enough to awaken them from their slumber.

The following are 19 facts about the deindustrialization of America that will blow your mind....

#1 The United States has lost approximately 42,400 factories since 2001. About 75 percent of those factories employed over 500 people when they were still in operation.

#2 Dell Inc., one of America's largest manufacturers of computers, has announced plans to dramatically expand its operations in China with an investment of over \$100 billion over the next decade.

#3 Dell has announced that it will be closing its last large U.S. manufacturing facility in Winston-Salem, North Carolina in November. Approximately 900 jobs will be lost.

#4 In 2008, 1.2 billion cell phones were sold worldwide. So how many of them were manufactured inside the United States? Zero.

#5 According to a new study conducted by the Economic Policy Institute, if the U.S. trade deficit with China continues to increase at its current rate, the U.S. economy will lose over half a million jobs this year alone.

#6 As of the end of July, the U.S. trade deficit with China had risen 18 percent compared to the same time period a year ago.

#7 The United States has lost a total of about 5.5 million manufacturing jobs since October 2000.

#8 According to Tax Notes, between 1999 and 2008 employment at the foreign affiliates of U.S. parent companies increased an astounding 30 percent to 10.1 million. During that exact same time period, U.S. employment at American multinational corporations declined 8 percent to 21.1 million.

#9 In 1959, manufacturing represented 28 percent of U.S. economic output. In 2008, it represented 11.5 percent.

#10 Ford Motor Company recently announced the closure of a factory that produces the Ford Ranger in St. Paul, Minnesota. Approximately 750 good paying middle class jobs are going to be lost because making Ford Rangers in Minnesota does not fit in with Ford's new "global" manufacturing strategy.

#11 As of the end of 2009, less than 12 million Americans worked in manufacturing. The last time less than 12 million Americans were employed in manufacturing was in 1941.

#12 In the United States today, consumption accounts for 70 percent of GDP. Of this 70 percent, over half is spent on services.

#13 The United States has lost a whopping 32 percent of its manufacturing jobs since the year 2000.

#14 In 2001, the United States ranked fourth in the world in per capita broadband Internet use. Today it ranks 15th.

#15 Manufacturing employment in the U.S. computer industry is actually lower in 2010 than it was in 1975.

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#16 Printed circuit boards are used in tens of thousands of different products. Asia now produces 84 percent of them worldwide.

#17 The United States spends approximately \$3.90 on Chinese goods for every \$1 that the Chinese spend on goods from the United States .

#18 One prominent economist is projecting that the Chinese economy will be three times larger than the U.S. economy by the year 2040.

#19 The U.S. Census Bureau says that 43.6 million Americans are now living in poverty and according to them that is the highest number of poor Americans in the 51 years that records have been kept.

So how many tens of thousands more factories do we need to lose before we do something about it?

How many millions more Americans are going to become unemployed before we all admit that we have a very, very serious problem on our hands?

How many more trillions of dollars are going to leave the country before we realize that we are losing wealth at a pace that is kill-

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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 \$40.00 per member and \$45.00 per guest.** Invoices will be issued for payment for all no shows.



Congratulations Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce! Named 2010 Chamber of the Year

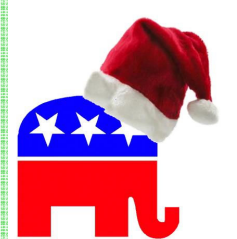
ing our economy?

How many once great manufacturing cities are going to become rotting war zones like Detroit before we understand that we are committing national economic suicide?

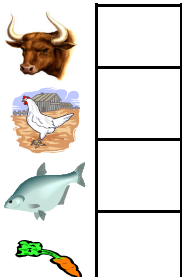
The deindustrialization of America is a national crisis. It needs to be treated like one.



"The minstrels played their Christmas tune,
Tonight beneath my cottage eaves
Keen was the air, but could not freeze,
Nor check the music of their strings;
So stout and hardy were the band
That scraped the chords with strenuous hand
And who but listen'd? till was paid
Respect to every inmate's claim;
The greeting given, the music played
In honour of each household name,
Duly pronounced with lusty call,
And 'merry Christmas' wished to all! ...



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