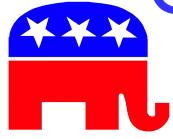


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## Dinner Menu— October 10, 2011

Soup du jour

Entrée selections

Yankee Pot Roast

or

Greek Stuffed Chicken

Filled with spinach, feta cheese & kalamata olives

Served with roasted red pepper sauce

or

Shrimp Scampi over Pasta

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.cclrc.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**

## One CCRC member's job plan

1. *Permanently extend the current tax policy.* Small businesses cannot thrive in the unpredictable tax scheme Congress has created. We need predictable,

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## Peter Feaman October Speaker

**Peter Feaman, the state committeeman for the Republican Party of Palm Beach County, has announced his intention to run for the position of National Committeeman for the Republican Party of Florida.**



Peter Feaman is the Palm Beach Republican Executive Committee State Committeeman. He has served the Republican Party at the State and local level since 2005.

On the State level, Peter has been elected twice by the State Committeeman and State Committeewoman Caucus as their Chairman. He has served the Republican Party as Chair of Congressional District 19 and Chairman of the Elections and GOTV Committee. Peter has worked hard to fulfill his responsibilities and currently serves on the Constitution and Rules Committee, the Audit Committee and the Legislative Affairs Committee.

Locally, Peter is a trial attorney with over 30 year's experience. He was appointed in 1988 by Governor Bob Martinez to the 4<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeal Nominating Commission. In 2001 he was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission and to the Palm Beach County Housing Authority. Recently Governor Rick Scott appointed Peter to the 4<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeal Nominating Commission.

With those experiences as background, Peter is more than ready to serve Floridians as the next Republican National Committeeman.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Presidency 5 was a great success; delegate enthusiasm was contagious. Herman Cain won the straw poll with 37 percent of the votes cast. The Charlotte County delegation was well represented. All the candidates were well versed on the issues facing our country. Prior to the straw poll, several of the candidates had separate meetings with delegates as well as addressing the Convention Saturday afternoon, prior to the straw poll. These meetings were well attended reinforcing the delegate interest. The cross section of delegates in terms of age and background was impressive. I had an interesting discussion with the Vice Chair of the Florida Federation of College Republicans. The consensus is that more college age interest in Republican Party is gaining strength, the main issue being the job market.

We of the CCRC must encourage participation by the Edison College group, through membership and participation in our programs. This will be one of our goals in the coming year. Our tabletop issues discussion will continue at the dinner meetings as well as our regular speakers.

The next thirteen months is crucial to victory in November 2012.

**Jim Brown**  
President

## CCRC Calendar

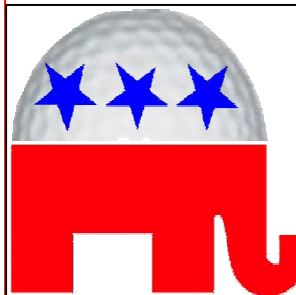
Oct	10	October meeting CHYC — Peter Feaman, National Committee Candidate
Oct	22	Elephant Gold Scramble
Oct	24	Mixer 5:00 pm, Wyvern —
Nov	14	November meeting CHYC—To be announced
Nov	28	Mixer 5:00 pm, Wyvern —
Dec	14	December meeting CHYC— Annual meeting and Christmas dinner

Web sites: CCRC  
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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.



## I AM BACK The CCRC Elephant Golf Scramble

You can join us in a foursome or just come for lunch and congratulate the trophy winners.

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  - Opportunity to win individual and team prizes.
- Lunch only fee—\$15 per person
- Schedule
  - 7:30 am Registration and continental breakfast
  - 8:30 Shotgun start
  - 12:30 Lunch and awards

Jefferson Cup Challenge—CCRC challenges all local organizations to field one or more teams to compete for the *First Annual Charlotte County Golf Challenge*

Contact Jim Brown 875-6781 or Tom Kessler 228-9975 for registration and information.

**2012 State Presidential Polls to date favor libertarian conservatives**

**South Carolina presidential straw poll**

Rick Santorem 31%  
 Newt Gingrich 14%  
 Michele Bachmann and Donald Trump 7%  
<http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2011/04/09/santorum-takes-presidential-straw-poll-in-south-carolina/>

**Iowa state presidential straw poll**

Michele Bachmann 28%  
 Ron Paul 27%  
 Tim Pawlenty 14%  
<http://www.c-span.org/Events/Michele-Bachmann-Wins-Iowa-Straw-Poll/10737423441/>

**Georgia state presidential straw poll**

Herman Cain 232 votes  
 Ron Paul 229 votes  
 Rick Perry 180  
<http://www.13wmaz.com/news/article/141714/153/Herman-Cain-Wins-Georgia-GOP-Straw-Vote>  
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**California state presidential straw poll**

Ron Paul 44.9%  
 Rick Perry 29.3%  
 Mitt Romney 8.8%  
<http://www.cnn.com/2011/POLITICS/09/17/california.straw.poll/>

Hold the Presses. Florida results are in.

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consistent tax policy that will eliminate uncertainty.

2. *Eliminate the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT).* Originally intended to tax wealthy individuals, the AMT was never indexed for inflation and increasingly threatens millions of middle-class taxpayers. Congress usually passes temporary "patches" to fix this problem, but tax policy should not be decided at the 11th hour on a year-to-year basis.

3. *Allow immediate expensing of investment.* Allowing small businesses to deduct their equipment expenditures from current income will cause equipment spending to soar, give small businesses the incentive to expand, and help reduce unemployment.

*Cut corporate tax rates to 25% or lower.* The average corporate tax rate among developed countries is 25.3%. Ours is 39.2%, second highest in the world. Workers would be the biggest beneficiaries from a lower corporate tax rate.

Thank you Frank Mazur

**\$14,718,479,772,007.23**

**The National DEBT CLOCK—Sept. 22, 2011**

**What happened to the first attempt in the House to pass a continuing resolution that paid for FEMA repair cost for storm damage. It lost in the Republican controlled House? Congress has already approved a \$2 trillion increase in the National Debt. Stayed tuned for the next continuing resolution bill.**

**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!

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*I recently observed C-span's presentation of three American Muslims expressing their concern for their civil rights in American society. The basis for their many complaints of bias treatment had its origin in 9/11. As usual there are two or more sides to most issues. The following essay written by Paul E Marek was published in 2007 by the Israeli news network Arutz Sheva presents a side opposite of the recent C-span production.*

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### **A German's View on Islam**

A man, whose family was German aristocracy prior to World War II, owned a number of large industries and estates. When asked how many German people were true Nazis, the answer he gave can guide our attitude toward fanaticism.

'Very few people were true Nazis,' he said, 'but many enjoyed the return of German pride, and many more were too busy to care. I was one of those who just thought the Nazis were a bunch of fools. So, the majority just sat back and let it all happen. Then, before we knew it, they owned us, and we had lost control, and the end of the world had come. My family lost everything. I ended up in a concentration camp and the Allies destroyed my factories.' We are told again and again by 'experts' and 'talking heads' that Islam is the religion of peace, and that the vast majority of Muslims just want to live in peace. Although this unqualified assertion may be true, it is entirely irrelevant. It is meaningless fluff, meant to make us feel better, and meant to somehow diminish the spectra of fanatics rampaging across the globe in the name of Islam.

The fact is that the fanatics rule Islam at this moment in history:

It is the fanatics who march.

It is the fanatics who wage any one of 50 shooting wars worldwide.

It is the fanatics who systematically slaughter Christian or tribal groups throughout Africa and are gradually taking over the entire continent in an Islamic wave.

It is the fanatics who bomb, behead, murder, or honor-kill.

It is the fanatics who take over mosque after mosque. It is the fanatics who zealously spread the stoning and hanging of rape victims and homosexuals. It is the fanatics who teach their young to kill and to become suicide bombers.

The hard quantifiable fact is that the peaceful majority, the 'silent majority,' is cowed and extraneous. Communist Russia was comprised of Russians who just wanted to live in peace, yet the Russian Communists were responsible for the murder of about 20 million people. The peaceful majority were irrelevant.

China's huge population was peaceful as well, but Chinese Communists managed to kill a staggering 70 million people.

The average Japanese individual prior to World War II was not a warmongering sadist. Yet, Japan murdered and slaughtered its way across South-East Asia in an orgy of killing that included the systematic murder of 12 million Chinese civilians; most killed by sword, shovel, and bayonet.

And, who can forget Rwanda, which collapsed into butchery. Could it not be said that the majority of Rwandans were 'peace loving'?

History lessons are often incredibly simple and blunt, yet for all our posers of reason we often miss the most basic and uncomplicated of points: Peace-loving Muslims have been made irrelevant by their silence.

Peace-loving Muslims will become our enemy if they don't speak up, because like my friend from Germany, they will awaken one day and find that the fanatics own them, and the end of their world will have begun.

Peace-loving Germans, Japanese, Chinese, Russians, Rwandans, Serbs, Afghans, Iraqis, Palestinians, Somalis, Nigerians, Algerians, and many others have died because the peaceful majority did not speak up until it was too late.

As for us who watch it all unfold, we must pay attention to the only group that counts; the fanatics who threaten our way of life.

John Hitzel

**President Obama has raised or will raise taxes 157 times beginning shortly after his election and continuing through the next administration. For a report on the tax increases follow the hyper link below to the Americans for Tax Reform website.**

**[Obama Taxes](#)**

## Obituary printed in the London Times - Interesting and sadly rather true.

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, **Common Sense**, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- and maybe it was my fault.

**Common Sense** lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

**Common Sense** lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

**Common Sense** lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

**Common Sense** took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

**Common Sense** finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realise that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

*Common Sense* was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers;

*I Know My Rights*

*I Want It Now*

*Someone Else Is To Blame*

*I'm A Victim*

**Not many attended his funeral because so few realised he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.**

What would I do without the internet? John Hitzel

## Obamacare will stick it to seniors after the 2012 Presidential election.

The per person Medicare insurance premium will increase from the present monthly fee of \$96.40 , rising to: \$104.20 in 2012 ; \$120.20 in 2013 ; And \$247.00 in 2014. (That is over a 100% increase!)

These are provisions incorporated in the Obamacare legislation, purposely delayed so as not to 'confuse' the 2012 re-election campaigns. Send this to all seniors that you know, so they will know who's throwing them under the bus.

In 1965, when Medicare started, the monthly fee was \$3.00

Thanks to Bill Jones keeping us informed.

## Herman Cain is the decisive winner in the Florida straw poll!

Not only do Republicans favor a conservative candidates they want a candidate who will revamp the tax code. Herman Cain's 9 9 9 tax plan is a job and revenue winner.

### Florida state presidential straw poll

Herman Cain 37%

Rick Perry 15.4%

Mitt Romney 14%

## 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 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.



## The new Director of Central Intelligence

Gen. David H. Petraeus closed his phenomenal 37-year Army career this week with a joint review at Fort Myer in Arlington. Service members from every branch were present, and flags of all 50 states fluttered in the breeze. A substantial

crowd had come to hear the general's farewell address. Many were classmates from the West Point Class of 1974, smartly attired but enthusiastic and occasionally whooping like they were cadets. Others were people with whom he had served over his storied career, whom he recognized from the dais during his speech. The morning was sunny and clear, and the general was his usual affable, ebullient self.

In his remarks, Gen. Petraeus recalled the days when he entered the military, when the Vietnam War was winding down and the armed services were being pared down to the "hollow forces" of the 1970s. "The Army I joined as a second lieutenant had suffered enormously," he said. "In the wake of our involvement in Vietnam, our Army and much of our mili-

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been dramatic enough that it became common knowledge to the American people that things were turning around in Iraq. Eight months earlier, a lot of people, including Obama, wanted to tuck tail and have another Vietnam."

That's not all. "Here is the guy who saved our reputation as a nation. Seriously, who's missing this? And then he went to [Central Command] and was doing great things. And Obama asked him to take a functional demotion and go back to Afghanistan and save our bacon again," we were told. "To leave his family, to step down from a regional command, to take on that burden. And he said yes, and he did it. Petraeus was the right guy at the right time, he answered the call, and now he's being yanked out before we're ready, just like the troops are being yanked out before Afghanistan is ready."

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So what's the reason for the White House about-face? "They are sending him to the CIA to keep him quiet during the 2012 election. It shows how small and scared they are. He is an honorable man, he has never expressed political ambition. But they saw him as a threat. He is an independent thinker, the finest military mind of his generation," our source posits. "What he suffers from is that he is more excellent than almost anyone he meets, to include the president. The troops love him. Strong people surround themselves with the most excellent people they can find, even those brighter and more capable than themselves. Weak people don't."

There is a shameful indignity in how this hero was treated. "The president couldn't find the time in his schedule, nor could the [defense secretary] find the time to look him in the eye and say thank you in person," this warrior told The Washington Times. "It's one thing to say 'we support the troops' and trot out your first lady to do that, but this is where it counts. It would have been an appropriate gesture to come here to recognize the professional and personal sacrifice of this extraordinary man. It would have been the dignified thing to do."

The hero remained above it all. The cannons boomed and the crowd cheered and Gen. Petraeus stood smiling in the sun.

Reprinted from the Washington Times

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tary were grappling with a host of very serious challenges." The senior leaders who first wore the uniform in those dark days were not discouraged. They began their careers with a sense of mission. "I know I speak for many when I say that we came away from that period vowing to never let our forces get to such a point ever again." Through his efforts, and those of countless other visionaries in and out of uniform, the hollow forces were transformed once again into the finest fighting force in the world.

Adm. Michael Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, presided over the ceremony with William J. Lynn, deputy secretary of defense. Notably absent were Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta, whose former position as CIA director is Gen. Petraeus' next assignment, and President Obama. Their non-appearance did not sit well with some. "Obama should have been here," a warrior who served under Gen. Petraeus told The Washington Times. "And he should have invited [former President George W.] Bush. The general saved their bacon. Twice.

"Everyone has forgotten that in 2007 we as a nation had said, 'OK, we are going to lose Iraq.' And President Bush said, 'Well what if we win?' Petraeus rode into town and assembled an extraordinary team. His personal drive, his charisma, his optimism, his can-do spirit, all of that is what gave us hope that we could in fact turn Iraq around," our source explained. "And by September of '07, the progress had

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